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Planning Board Supports Article Banning Recreational Marijuana Dispensaries

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

It took less than 30 minutes for the few residents at the sparsely attended public hearing held by the Mattapoisett Planning Board on April 2 to let the board know their wishes – ban recreational pot sales in Mattapoisett. The majority in attendance agreed with petitioner George Randall: “Not in Mattapoisett.”

Planning Board Vice Chairman Nathan Ketchell invited Randall, the author of the citizen petition, to speak directly to the assembled before opening the hearing up to public comment.

Randall read an opinion piece published out in Colorado that pointed to the alleged negative impact legalized recreational marijuana sales has had on the community five years after adoption. Reading from the editorial piece, Randall spoke of supposed noxious agricultural fumes, increased motor vehicle accidents, and poor student achievement, holding the editorial as proof that allowing local recreational marijuana sales would harm the community.

Randall told the people, “If we open this door, we won’t be able to close it.” According to Randall, drugs rob young people of their potential to be fully functioning

members of the community, and he painted a dire picture of what he imagines the impact of legalized recreational pot sales would look on Mattapoisett’s population. “... This will be devastating to our kids.”

Colby Rottler, Finance Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals member, rose in support of the petition, saying he had studied the issue and was pleased that the Planning Board was taking it on.

“We have a nice town, nice people,” Rottler said.

“I don’t think we need this type of business.”

Resident Sandra Dawson agreed, saying, “Think about the young people. I think this is a gateway drug.” She said people didn’t need to buy marijuana in Mattapoisett when they could go to Fairhaven.

There was some confusion among those in attendance who spoke in support of medical marijuana sales, a separate topic for another time and one not being presented by the Planning Board at this meeting or in Randall’s petition. One resident cited her family’s use of

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***On the Cover:** Weed is the Word – We visited BASK, the 10,000 square-foot medicinal marijuana cultivation operation and dispensary in Fairhaven that recently opened on Pequod Way, and toured the facility with Mattapoisett resident and BASK CEO Chapman “Chappy” Dickerson. Dickerson says the family-run business sees plenty of “average, regular” folks from Mattapoisett who have chosen marijuana as an alternative to addictive prescription drugs. April 2 was the day dispensaries could apply for dual licenses for both medicinal and recreational marijuana sales, which Dickerson said BASK would pursue. It was also the day the Mattapoisett Planning Board voted to support a citizens’ petition for an all-out ban on all recreational marijuana establishments, which will appear on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Pictured here is one of the “mother plants” used for producing clone plants for mass cultivation at BASK. If approved, BASK would likely be the closest licensed marijuana retail establishment to the Tri-Town. Photo by Jean Perry*

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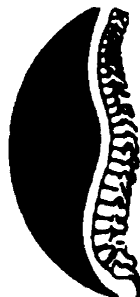
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medical marijuana over legally prescribed opioids.

Town Administrator Michael Gagne said, "The vote you took in the Fall Town Meeting was for a medical and recreational moratorium. That gives you until December 31, 2018 to address medical sales." If Town Meeting voters fail to ban or put in place new bylaws by then, he added, sales of both recreational and medical marijuana would be governed by state regulations.

After wrapping up public comments, Ketchell asked the Planning Board members to share their thoughts.

Janice Robbins spoke first, saying, "I don't like to make decisions based on opinions," noting that the majority of what Randall had articulated was simply that – opinion, not facts. "We should be making a decision based on fact.... I'm not convinced that we're proceeding with both points of view."

Another Planning Board member, Karen Field, said, "I work in health care. Smoking causes lung cancer.... You want to see the reaction to drugs, go to the ER."

According to Field, people need to be of "strong character" when dealing with pain rather than using drugs as a crutch.

Board member Gail Carlson said she lacked confidence in the state's vetting and thinks the state's marijuana regulations are insufficient, saying that the citizens of the community had already spoken.

"People have voted that they don't want this, so we should honor that," Carlson said.

Ketchell said the Planning Board had three options: it could recommend Randall's citizen petition at Town Meeting in May; not recommend the petition; or have no opinion advanced at that time. With Robbins casting a 'nay' vote, the motion carried 3-1 to support the

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petition at Town Meeting.

The Planning Board can now move forward with the issue of medical marijuana sales and distribution in Mattapoisett, a topic they now have some time to review. However, if Randall's recreational marijuana ban petition fails at Town Meeting, then recreational marijuana sales will have to be revisited.

If a ban is adopted, however, it does not affect Mattapoisett residents' right to use and consume marijuana, and residents would still be allowed to privately grow their own marijuana in their homes, up to six plants per adult with a maximum of 12.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for **April 16** at 7:00 pm in the town hall conference room.

Grieving Dad Running for Suicide Prevention

By Jean Perry

There is no pain that compares to that of losing a child, and no effective analogy for the long stretch of recovery from such a loss for a grieving parent left behind.



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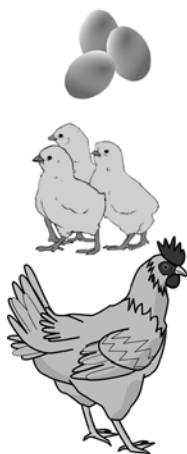
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Roy lost his son Conrad Roy III on July 13, 2014 when Conrad took his own life, and ever since then Roy has been walking that road that stretches ahead of him, until he decided one day that it was time to run.

Roy says he turned to physical fitness as a way of dealing with the tragic loss, finding it an escape of sorts, which put him on the trajectory of a new path towards physical health. He started losing weight as a result and eventually found he could run, something he hadn't really done much of in the past.

Still, said Roy, "I became bitter."

"When I decided to run the New Bedford Half-Marathon, my goal was to come in under two hours," Roy said. He did – one hour and 58 minutes, in fact – not too shabby for a first-timer and considering the circumstances.

"It was tough," Roy said, probably the most difficult physical endeavor of his life, he added. "Why am I doing this?" he asked himself. "I just kept on running."

Months later in November, Roy said, his sister sent him an email from the American Fund for Suicide Prevention, which was looking for runners to join them in their Boston Marathon fundraising campaign. Roy read it and laughed, figuring his sister was joking in a way, but after second thought, Roy said, "I'll take it on. I'll do it."

He applied for a bib and was accepted, and since then Roy has been training for the April 16 run of his life, a run that honors not only his son Conrad and the road that Roy has travelled since Conrad left him, but also those who might be stopped from taking their own lives so that their family and friends do not have to suffer the devastation as a result of it.

As Roy wondered what Conrad might think about his Dad's go at the Boston Marathon, emotion permeated his words as he remembered the young man who undoubtedly would have approved.

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"He was very impressed," as Roy put it. "He really enjoyed sports, and he enjoyed any kind of competition. I think he would be ... just really excited.

"I wish he was here to see it, but I think he's gonna be here watching me."

Roy's goal was to raise \$25,000 for the American Fund for Suicide Prevention, and he was shy of reaching his goal until his run received attention from local TV broadcast media, which brought his total up to \$21,465 as of Tuesday evening. Now, to help him close in on his goal, Roy's cousin's children are performing a benefit concert this Sunday, April 8, at Wonder Bowl in New Bedford. The band "Morrisey Blvd" will perform from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the 66 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, bowling alley, with a suggested \$10 donation per person at the door. Of course, higher donation amounts are welcome so Roy can reach his \$25,000 goal. There will also be a raffle at the event.

Roy knows the marathon is going to be tough; it's going to hurt. He's going to want to give in at some point, but what Roy knows is that all of it will be nothing compared to what those who've been left behind feel after the suicide of a person they love.

"I just don't want anyone else to take their own life," said Roy. "I don't want anyone to feel the pain that I've had to go through."

For Roy, he says even if his contribution reaches just one person and helps influence them to choose to live and not take their own life, the effort would be worth it.

"The pain ... it's almost unbearable," said Roy. "It's *not* the answer. You can always make it to the next day, get through it."

If you would like to donate, Roy has a crowdrise.com page which can be accessed easiest by typing "crowdrise.com Conrad Roy" into your web browser and following the link.

Getting Over Underestimating

This Imperfect Life

By Jean Perry

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acknowledge it.

We've all let someone down at some point in our lives, and when we let ourselves down, it takes guts not to blame it on someone or something else and acknowledge that we screwed up and will try harder next time to never repeat the mistake. And then sometimes in life we exceed our expectations of ourselves, of someone else, or perhaps we blow the mind of another with what we were capable of, and everyone learns something valuable.

Who we are, our relationships, and what we do in this life – the choices, the actions, the reactions – are complicated and their degree of imperfectness depends on our level of maturity at the time.

There certainly are ample opportunities in life to

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mess up, but none affect me more, none hit me harder, than when I screw up as a parent. My imperfection as a parent is my sensitive spot. I can misspell a name in one of my articles or get the date wrong reporting on a 'pubic' meeting instead of a public meeting, and I can sigh and suck it up and remember next time to use the Command F function on my MacBook to search for the word 'pubic' before posting.

But when you love someone as much as you love your child, letting them down is the worst. Even in those instances when my son isn't even aware that I've let him down, I'm crushed for him. I take it hard – hard enough sometimes to pull the car over to the Mattapoisett Diner parking lot and give it a good cry like I did back on February 9 on my way home from the office.

It was the day my 14-year-old son was scheduled to be interviewed by Bristol Aggie as part of the admissions process to get into the agricultural vocational high school.

My boy is Autistic, and in every imaginably wonderful way. A delight, and doesn't everyone who knows him know it? And he loves horses. So when we attended the Bristol Aggie open house last year and then again for a smaller-scale tour back in early February, there was no hiding the excitement in his face. That crooked smile, wide fixated eyes that gleamed watching the students riding the horses in the arena.... It was clear that he wanted to be them.

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But is this a good fit for him? Would he have the academic supports he needs? Would he fit in? Would he be happy in a new environment, with new classmates, with new expectations? How would he perform academically in such a highly competitive structure? Would he even get in?

As we walked back from the large animal science section of the bucolic campus during our second tour, I noticed the sheep had just lambed; their wee little babies jumped about with a cuteness that can kill. They frolicked carefree in their new existence, hopping, climbing onto the backs of their mothers and then jumping off and back on again, then stopped to suckle wildly, then with seeming attitude jumped back up again, assertive in their fresh

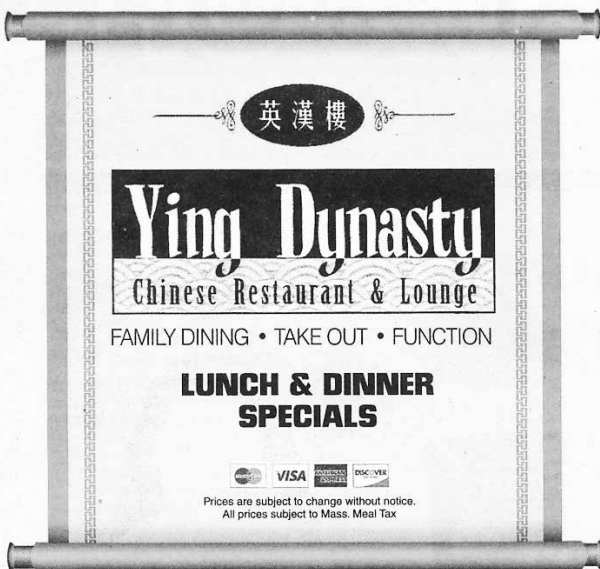
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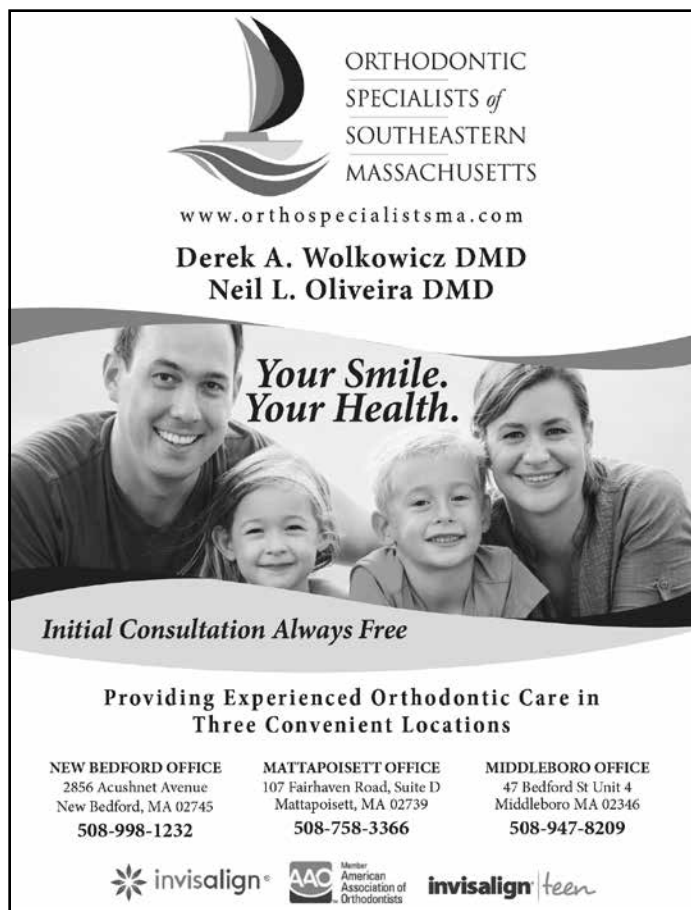
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freedom. It was so darned cute I found myself tearing up. I welled up in my eyes. With tears! Please, nobody notice my irrational emotional response to the wholesome scene, I thought, my tense mouth already turning down. I tore a tissue out from my coat pocket and stuffed it back in along with my feelings.

On the ride home, I had doubts about the placement while the boy next to me smiled, enthusiasm intact along with his delightful dreaming of life as a student at Bristol Aggie. But there was work to be done, real effort. He needs letters of recommendation and preparation for his interview, an experience he had never been exposed to. He would be asked questions that quite possibly no one had ever asked him. And I, being his



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mother and knowing most things about him, haven't needed to ask him what his interests are (ding, ding, ding, railroad crossings, bridges, VHS tapes, and classical music, and of course, horses) or how one of his teachers would describe him, or what strategies he employs when faced with a challenge. He would need practice with these questions, prepared answers, and a solid understanding of the importance of conveying these ideas in that kind of setting.

I wondered if it was worth the effort since he probably wouldn't be accepted into the school – not for academic underperformance or lack of interest, but for no other reason than the fact that his verbal communication skills are limited, one of the ways autism can make life on this planet more challenging.

After we got home, I took to the sofa to contemplate my feelings and self-examine. I pondered the aforementioned lamb hysteria, breaking it down. What was the root of those feelings? Where did that crying-over-the-cute-little-lambs thing come from? Sometimes the self needs time to think about it, but sometimes it just answers right away.

"Your baby is going into high school and you're sad because you can no longer protect him, nurse him, keep him close to you. He's not your baby anymore and you're having a hard time letting go."

Tears. Realization and tears.

Conclusion: this is not about Diego and his ability to "make it," either into or at Bristol Aggie. It's about me and my fears, so who am I to make that decision for him? Who am I to say he can't go to Bristol Aggie?

I wasn't going to 'fail' him on his behalf and without his consent. He deserved the chance to try, unencumbered by my fears.

So we went for it. We got three letters of recommendation, and it was touching to read them clearly written from the heart with a sincere fondness for the boy. But as the interview day approached, I bit my inner lip with anxiety and doubt, and I recoiled from the thought of not being able to sit with him and support him if he faltered. We practiced the likely questions, and getting him to answer was akin to that pulling teeth

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analogy. I couldn't get the clear articulate answers out of him, and he fought against the mock interviews. He wanted nothing to do with them and had no interest in practicing for an interview. With a helplessness I couldn't bear, the night before the big day I helped him type out some short notes to help him remember some of the key aspects of who he is, answers to fall back on if he was to blank out.

He went to school, and I went to work. I worried about him and how he would feel if he got too nervous, if he didn't know the answer, if he had a hard time formulating his thoughts into words. It made me sick to think about how he might just bomb that interview and walk out of it knowing that he did. And how would he feel after I told him it would be fine and he'd do well before walking into school that morning, only to return home to tell me that I had lied – it didn't go fine, he didn't do well.

I couldn't wait to find out. I emailed the guidance counselor. I told her I was dying to know how the interview went. "My heart's in knots," I wrote. Did he bomb it, I asked her. How did he do?

I got the response while already clicking on my seatbelt in the car to leave work for that day, just about to pull out of the parking lot. I stopped. I braced myself. I read the email. I smiled.

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his prompts well."

She said the interviewer praised him for coming in so prepared, "and I could tell she really enjoyed talking with him."

"Fingers crossed," she wrote, "I think it would be a good fit for him!"

My heart soared. I drove off feeling so excited, so relieved, so ... suddenly and excruciatingly ashamed of myself.

I pulled over. I had to face it. As his mother, I had let my son down.

As a parent of an Autistic child, my fear is that the world will view him a certain way as a result of being labeled Autistic. I feel enraged thinking about a world that will likely underestimate my child, limit his opportunities for contribution and fulfillment because he's been labeled Autistic, and assume he can't do it – which is exactly what I, Mom, just did to him.

If I am his mother and I myself unfairly underestimated his potential, how can I expect the world to embrace him, accept him, lift him up as high as he can go when I myself had failed to? I'm supposed to be that one person in the world who is supposed to believe in him and everything he wants to do, support him, and push him towards his dreams knowing that there is at least one person in the world who thinks he is perfect, invincible, incapable of failing. So what happened? How could I let my fear hijack that moment and turn me into



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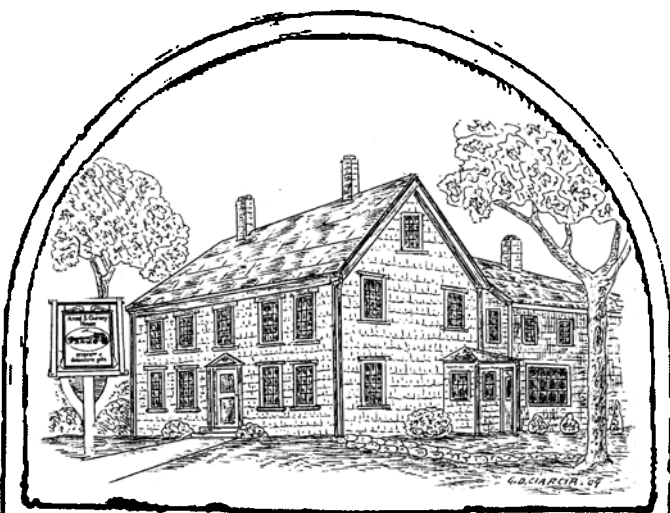
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exactly what I feared most for my boy?

He doesn't yet know what I've done, and when he one day reads this I hope that he understands and forgives me, knowing that I am self-aware of my failure and that I have learned from my mistake.

Before I pulled back onto the road, I wiped my face dry and vowed to the Universe: "I will never ever underestimate that boy again. Never ever."

I've learned a lot about myself in this life as your mom, Diego, and there has been no greater teacher than you, which is why I have learned my lesson to never again underestimate you, and which is why, I hope, one day the world will learn it, too.

Entire Mattapoisett Election Uncontested

By Jean Perry

When one thinks of democracy, the word "choice" might come to mind, and when you approach an election booth, one normally expects to choose either 'this' candidate or 'that' candidate. But not in Mattapoisett this year as the 2018 Annual Election ballot will list only one choice for each elected position, and in the case of the Planning Board, just an empty space.

Incumbent for Board of Selectmen Paul Silva will face no opposition on May 22 and will win another three-year term on the board, no contest.

Current Assessor Leonard Coppola will retain his three-year position, along with both Mattapoisett School Committee incumbents Carole Sherman Clifford and James Muse, who will each return to the committee for another three years.

Also running uncontested are newcomers William Osier and Elizabeth Sylvia vying for the two seats as Trustees of Public Library for two three-year terms, with Marcia Waldron who will get her first time as a Trustee of Public Library with a one-year term.

John Eklund will keep his position as Town Moderator since his position at the Town Meeting podium was unchallenged, followed by six more incumbents who will each win another election to keep their positions: Albert Menino, Jr. for a three-year term as Water Commissioner; Barry Denham for a three-year term as

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Highway Surveyor; Russell Bailey for three years on the Board of Health; John Vaughn for a five-year term on the Mattapoisett Housing Authority; and both Jodi Lynn Bauer and John DeCosta, Jr., each for another two years on the Community Preservation Committee.

Planning Board incumbent Gail Carlson pulled nomination papers in January and returned them on March 6, but she has since withdrawn her candidacy.

All candidates have until April 19 to withdraw from the election and be omitted from the election ballot.

The last day for residents to register to vote for this election is April 24.

The 2018 Mattapoisett Annual Election is May 22, with polls at Old Hammondtown School opening at 8:00 am and closing at 8:00 pm.

911 Regionalization Slated for May

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

Rochester is approaching the day when it will completely switch over its 911 emergency dispatch service to a regional service based in Duxbury, and on April 2 Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar told the Rochester Board of Selectmen that date could be as soon as May 15.

All infrastructure upgrades such as repeaters, transmitters, and generators have been installed, and training for Rochester's emergency responders, as well as a tour of the Regional Old Colony Communications



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Center (ROCCC) headquarters in Duxbury, is imminent. ROCCC staff has already spent some time accompanying police in their cruisers to learn the “unique points of Rochester,” Szyndlar said, “to get everybody communicating and learning what the town is all about. So that should work out well.”

The \$1.6 million grant provided by the Massachusetts State 911 department covered the costs of the infrastructure upgrades in Rochester, as well as some upgrades to the ROCCC headquarters, which includes new consoles on the dispatch floor, a renovation and redesign project, and a number of other equipment upgrades.

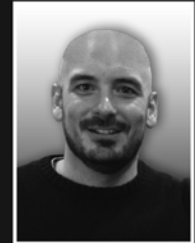
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switching to the regionalized service during a public forum event back in December of 2016. Residents and some emergency personnel were hesitant to make the switch, but the fire and police chiefs both supported the change, with Police Chief Paul Magee citing better technology and an overall benefit to the residents.

Rochester's emergency dispatch will go dark once the ROCCC takes command of the service, but residents should not worry about the quality of the service despite the distance. During that public forum on December 13, 2016, Duxbury Fire Chief Kevin Nord said, "Regional centers are much better prepared for that because there's multiple people in the room."

For every call that comes in, two dispatchers respond – one to give immediate instructional support and the other to dispatch help, Nord said. As far as distance is concerned, technology is advanced enough to pinpoint the locations of callers – either at home or on their cell phones – using "NextGen 911," a fusion between Google Maps and the Town's GIS system. Houses will appear on the map with house numbers listed on the roofs, and cell phone pinpoint technology allows the dispatcher to find a caller anywhere they are and also follow their position until help finds them. The technology is better, and the service costs less to operate, saving significant taxpayer money.

During the feasibility study the ROCCC conducted, they found painfully outdated equipment, even some portable police radios that barely worked.

The May 15 date is a tentative date at this time, and service may take until June 5 to ultimately get online and operating.

In other matters, Szyndlar said Police Chief Magee will be looking into a safety improvement study for the intersection of Mary's Pond Road and Walnut Plain Road. The Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) will conduct the evaluation funded under the community technical assistance program, provided by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Szyndlar also said the Finance Committee has approved all but four of the Town's department budgets



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ahead of the May 21 Annual Town Meeting. The Town Clerk's Office is being held after a request for a \$2,000 increase, the library was put on hold after a \$9,317 increase request, and the Park Department was held until further information on its budget could be received. The Board of Assessors budget, which is looking for a 6% increase of \$11,716, was briefly discussed, with Selectmen Greenwood Hartley and Brad Morse expressing a bit of confusion, since the budget increase was accompanied by the Board of Assessors' expressed interest in not renewing the three-year contract selectmen already signed last year with Principal Assessor Charles Shea. Instead, the Board of Assessors wants to sign a one-year contract.

"I just question how," said Selectmen Chairman Brad Morse. "We signed a [three-year contract] with an individual (last year). We did not sign a contract with the Board of Assessors." Morse continued, "They can't just wave a flag and make it null and void."

Szyndlar had already forwarded the matter to Town Counsel Blair Bailey to review and advise the board on how to proceed.

"They will explain at one point how this benefits...?" said Hartley. "There must be an endgame to this.... As long as it doesn't affect the bottom line of their department [budget], it doesn't bother me."

Szyndlar passed around a summary prepared by the Board of Assessors comparing Rochester with Marion and Mattapoisett and their BOA budgets and costs to



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"The thing that jumps out to me," said Hartley, "is the total budget for Mattapoisett and Rochester is almost identical (to Rochester), and Mattapoisett has thirty-percent more homes to assess ... and they do it for less money than we're doing, so this is interesting data."

"[And] with less staff," Morse added.

"And a lot less money," said Hartley.

The board will wait to hear back from Bailey before further consideration, and expects to hold another joint meeting with the Finance Committee once budgets are settled in order to review the Town Meeting warrant articles and make recommendations.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **April 23** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall, but a meeting for April 16 will be scheduled should any pressing matters arise.

Board Bumps Spring Street Next in Line

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

Spring Street, formerly known as Phase 4 of Marion's Village Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan, was bumped up to be the next phase the town will tackle, putting Spring Street ahead of Main Street, formerly the very next phase of the plan.

Jennifer Francis, on behalf of the Planning Board's

Transportation and Circulation Task Force, asked the Marion Board of Selectmen on April 3 to consider revising the scheduled order of the village infrastructure plan in order to put to good use some grant money Francis says the Planning Board intends to pursue stemming from that board's progress towards acceptance into the MassDOT Highway's Complete Streets Funding Program.

With up to \$400,000 in grant money, the plan for Spring Street is to install a "multi-use" path with a section of road carved out from the wider road of Spring Street, connecting Tabor Academy with Sippican School and the library, and eventually possibly all the way to the bike path slated for the other side of Route 6.

"There's room to have a multi-use path," said Francis, adding that it wouldn't interfere with traffic or with parking. "[There are] a number of benefits that would make this project, I think, really attractive for the town."

Francis proposed combining the Spring Street project with the Town's existing infrastructure plan for the village, which could include further funding of up to \$1 million at some point when the town is once again eligible for that particular grant after having received it three years ago.

"In addition to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) related opportunities, we think that we can put a lot of money from a lot of different sources together to make this project work," Francis said. "We think this project would benefit pretty much the entire town.... People would really enjoy it."

Francis said this would be the first major transportation project resulting from the Town's new Master Plan.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Jody Dickerson voiced some concern over further putting off Main Street, but he understood that the timing of the proposal would make sense.

Both selectmen approved the request.

In other matters, Town Administrator Paul Dawson said the Town would be submitting a proposal for a grant for \$191,650 to establish a stormwater monitoring program, a regional effort with other area

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The Town would have to locate all stormwater outfalls into the bay and conduct sampling tests to monitor water quality.

"We think we have a pretty comprehensive and good application here, and we're hopeful that we'll be invited into the next step," Dawson said.

Dawson also reported that the FY19 budget would have to be adjusted to accommodate a \$41,400 shortfall in the estimated payment on a new fire truck the Town purchased three years ago.

Dawson said the initial estimate in the budget was \$31,000, but just that afternoon the real number came in: \$75,500.

Dawson recommended simply adjusting the budget since the loan was a debt exclusion. Spreading the difference out another ten years to cover the discrepancy was less feasible than altering the budget to absorb the cost.

"It's a simple fix," Dawson said, before the selectmen voted to approve his request.

Also during the meeting, resident Sherman Briggs asked Dawson and the selectmen about construction debris that over time was allegedly illegally dumped at the transfer station on Benson Brook Road, a topic that had come up in past Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District committee meetings and brought up this night during Dawson's CMWRRDD update.

Briggs asked who owned that particular part of Benson Brook, and Dawson confirmed that it was the Town of Marion. Briggs then asked how much it would take to clean up the debris, and Dawson said he did not yet know.

"We're just beginning to scratch the surface to that," Dawson stated.

When Dawson again referred to the dumping as "illegal dumping," Briggs argued that the dumping was not illegal, but allowed by the Town. Briggs said all the debris dumped at that site originated from various Town projects, including the Converse Road project and various water and sewer projects over ten years.

"That's where it all came from," said Briggs, "and



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those spoils were up to the contractor to own and dispose of," Briggs continued. "We didn't make a very good decision to take those spoils ... and now take thousands of dollars to clean it up."

Briggs suggested some transparency, adding, "The taxpayers are gonna have to pay for that. That's transparency."

In a follow-up after the meeting, Briggs claimed that the Town had actually received an estimate on the cost to clean up the contractor waste – for \$115,000 – despite Dawson's denial. Briggs asserted that contractors were "allowed" to dump the waste there, even though the waste disposal was part of the project bid.

During the meeting Briggs also asked the

selectmen, who are also the Water Commissioners, what was happening with the Town's water at Perry Hill. Dickerson said he wasn't aware of any issues, and Briggs suggested the board look into any rumors about issues with the water and then bring it back in two weeks for discussion.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **April 17** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

New Fire Station Returns to Agenda

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

On April 3, the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen along with Town Administrator Michael Gagne and Mattapoisett Fire Chief Andrew Murray sat around the conference room table ready to discuss realities and pressing needs of the town's fire station.

Armed with a newly released Employee Safety for Fire Departments document dated March 23 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development's Department of Labor Standards, the document listed the minimum regulations fire departments in the state needed to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards and Massachusetts General Law. It was no surprise to anyone sitting at the table that Mattapoisett's fire station wasn't meeting the standards in many significant ways.

Murray pointed out the major areas that he had previously pointed to during Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee meetings as areas of critical concern.

Under the category "Facility Safety," Murray said the current building failed all three line items: electrical wiring; stairways, railings and floor maintenance; and ventilation for truck exhaust.

Murray said that smaller line items such as a 'sharps' container would be addressed immediately, but more critical matters such as decontamination procedures for gear and staff were beyond the scope of what the current structure could accommodate – there simply isn't room.

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Again, Murray said that with diesel fumes infecting the apparatus floor where the gear is kept, personal protection equipment couldn't be adequately cleaned. He said keeping equipment clean was very difficult as well due to carcinogenic particulates in the atmosphere.

Murray also said, with the lack of sufficient bathroom facilities (there is one toilet to serve the needs of the entire department), and no shower rooms, personnel were taking "toxins home" after every call. And regarding female firefighters, there were no designated facilities of any type.

Murray said that in February, OSHA began an on-site inspection and had the power to levy fines

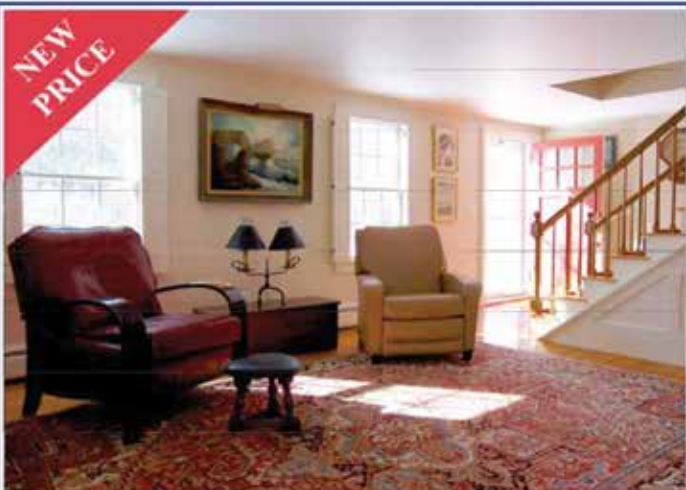


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for violations. He said first offenders would receive a written warning and 30 days to comply, but that clearly the Mattapoisett fire station needed immediate attention. He said a meeting is scheduled for April 11 to begin the discussion with the OSHA inspectors as to how Mattapoisett could comply.

Gagne presented an updated schedule of retiring debt service to the give selectmen some insight into how the town might go about financing a new fire station that may have estimated costs around \$7 million. He said that by using free cash in combination with retiring debt, some money could be earmarked without going over the 2.5% levy.

But Gagne said that in conversations he has had with town officials in Carver, more creative financial planning might be worthy of consideration.

In Carver, Gagne said, a decision to put new growth revenue aside to pay for their new fire station and school had allowed those projects to become a reality.

"I think that's an interesting concept," he said, adding that once the second Crystal Spring solar array is completed, about \$70,000 per year of new revenue would be secured. "I would recommend we set up the debt stabilization fund and put that new growth in there." He said, in this way, the fire station might be funded partly from new growth and partly from retiring debt, calling it "a nice blend."

Board of Selectmen Chairman Paul Silva asked about updated construction estimates, saying figures that were advanced years ago were not adequate to determine how much money would be needed. "Until we know what a new fire station will cost, we're just talking," he said.

Murray said he had hoped to include the talents of students from surrounding vocational schools as well as work-release programs available through the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department for non-violent offenders. Such skills as painting, landscaping, and carpentry from these sources might help to keep overall construction costs down, he believed.

Silva said, "Our priority is to drill down."

Of the construction of a new fire station, Silva

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said, "I think it's important not to do all the work at once. You need the right footprint ... but not all the bells and whistles." He said that the previous attempt to gain voters' agreement on a new fire station had been met with resistance and ultimately caused the project to go down in flames on the Town Meeting floor. "We learned our lesson," said Silva.

Selectman Jordan Collyer, who is also a senior member of the Fire Department, said, "I don't want to see us get stuck in analysis paralysis.... We have to meet a certain need. We need to find a balance to get the job done." He said the current building was "atrocious" and thought the bid should include a turnkey building versus a shell. He said, "I know we want to use retiring debt, but we are going to have to borrow something – the cost of construction isn't going down."

Silva said, "The bottom line is ... we are running out of time."

The No. 1 one issue for Gagne was to drill down on the numbers and ask Town Meeting during the May session to take \$260,000 from free cash to do a study of both the fire station and the Town Hall building.

Regarding the Town Hall building, Gagne said it would be interesting and relevant to get solid demographic numbers on the town's population in light of fewer student enrollments.

"My recommendation is we take a harder, more in-depth look at school capacity, merging classes into



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one building and then utilizing the space for Town Hall departments and the Council on Aging before we look at new construction,” Gagne said.

Returning to the fire station issue, Silva asked that Murray prepare a presentation for the May Town Meeting to bring voters into the conversation.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **April 24** at 6:45 pm at the Town Hall.

Harbormaster Tells Of Storm Damage

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

It should come as no surprise that Mattapoisett’s treasured and historic wharves suffered during the 2017-2018 storm season. Mattapoisett Harbormaster Jill Simmons shared highlights of the damage inflicted by storms during her presentation to the Mattapoisett Finance Committee on March 28.

Going back, Simmons says an early seasonal storm moved the ramp at Barstow wharf adjacent to the town beach, pushing it onto the fireboat tied up at the floating dock. Thankfully, there was no serious damage to the boat, said Simmons.

Then another storm on October 29, later reclassified as a hurricane, “...caused very significant damage to private boats and town property.” She reported that three floating dock ramps were damaged, with one being completely destroyed. Also, many dinghy docks need repairing or rebuilding along with the floating dock at Barstow that was ripped apart. Simmons said that same storm caused three groundings.

As Simmons moved the discussion to “present needs,” she said the dinghy dock system is “...woefully inadequate for the number of boats in the harbor.” She said, with approximately 1,000 moorings placed in the inner harbor, there was only space for 70 dinghies. A plan to add dingy space to the Barstow wharf area is currently under review, she said, but with evidence of new eelgrass beds, more study was necessary.

Adding to the difficulties boaters face, Simmons said launch services were insufficient due to long wait times and that launch service shuts down when Mattapoisett Boat Yard closes for the season, yet the season extended well into September.

Of work needed on the wharves themselves, Simmons said repair and replacement of pilings on the timber pier and Long Wharf was imperative.

The harbormaster boat sustained major damage during one of the storms, Simmons said, with repairs estimated at \$2,000. She then repeated a position she has held for some time: the harbormaster boat is not the right type of craft for the job.

Calling it a “recreational” boat, she said it wasn’t suitable for public safety activities, noting that it takes three onboard personnel to pull in one petite-sized person

in the event of a water rescue or recovery. She said she was currently researching decommissioned military and government watercraft.

Simmons also said the department would greatly benefit from a shallow draft craft that would allow greater flexibility for work inshore due to ease of maneuvering around the mooring field and coves.

Of the budget itself, Simmons presented a worksheet showing an increase of \$28,722 over fiscal year 2018 – from \$230,000 to \$258,722.

Also coming before the Finance Committee was John DeCosta, chairman of the Community Preservation Act committee.

The committee has received three grant requests. The first is from the Town of Mattapoisett for repairs to the building located at the former Holy Ghost grounds on Park Street in the sum of \$174,000.

Next, Freemin Bauer submitted a request for \$75,000 for a new dog park to be located on land adjacent to the police station for \$75,000.

Lastly, the VFW Florence Eastman Post requested \$10,000 to study the current structural integrity of the historic Legion Hall.

Funding of the CPA program currently stands at \$193,615, DeCosta said, including anticipated level funding from the state for \$28,257. The grants will be voted on during the Annual Town Meeting should they be advanced to the warrant, DeCosta said.

Also during the meeting, Town Clerk Catherine Heuberger discussed the need to finance poll workers versus a combination of senior tax work-off staffing and paid staffing. The budget impact would be an increase to the department's FY19 of \$3,000. Heuberger also requested a 2% pay increase for her position, from \$59,000 to \$60,180.

On a humorous note, Heuberger presented a punctured and severely damaged dog tag saying that a resident had brought it in to show her the poor quality of the tags. The committee members chuckled when Heuberger said that a "puppy" had done the damage, causing Town Administrator Michael Gagne to say, "I wouldn't want to see that puppy!"

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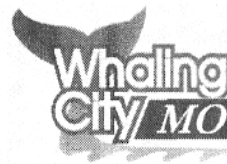
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Heuberger's FY18 budget was \$150,666 with a proposed \$3,717 increase for FY19, bringing the department budget to \$154,383.

The Mattapoisett Finance Committee's next meeting was held on April 4 at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.

(Disclosure: Marilou Newell is a member of the Community Preservation Act committee representing the Mattapoisett Historical Commission.)

Resident Critical of Town, Developer

Marion Planning Board

By Jean Perry

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Street condominium project lodged a list of accusations against the developer, along with several allegations of negligence against Town entities such as the Building Department and the Zoning Board of Appeals, during the April 2 Marion Planning Board meeting.

Peter Douglas of 326 Front Street said he has appealed Loranger's building permit for the condominium complex, alleging that Loranger gave misinformation on his building permit application and that the building commissioner has undermined the "underlying integrity and credibility of the application and permitting process."

The 324 Front Street project, Douglas said, "flunks any reasonable test of having been through a realistic, credible, believable application process, and quite possibly had a severely deficient application and review process at the Building Department." Citing data he says Loranger provided that was "fabricated," including that a licensed surveyor signed a certain certificate, Douglas alleges that the engineer or surveyor was not licensed and that the structure dimensions are deflated on that certificate, too. In a handout he provided to the board, Douglas called the information Loranger submitted "fraudulent and falsified data."

This sort of "deficient" process reflects poorly on Marion's regulatory boards, like the ZBA and even the Planning Board.

"We have to take these rules seriously," said

Douglas. "We have to apply high standards of accuracy, apply careful review, and not treat it all as if it is a joke."

Douglas called Loranger's condominium the latest example of "chaos" in town, saying, "It's time to stand up..."

Douglas' accusations intensified, alleging that Loranger had embezzled the money he is using to build the condominiums, likening the scenario to allowing a bank robber being ushered through by the Town saying, "Let's go easy on you."

"This is the first time that I've seen this," said Planning Board Chairman Eileen Marum, withholding comment for the time being.

Board member Will Saltonstall said, "These are serious comments," and that he was surprised by them. "So I'll be curious about learning more about that process unfolding..."

Douglas' appeal to the ZBA will be addressed at the April 19 ZBA meeting.

"I don't have an agenda of any particular kind," said Douglas. "It does affect me directly. I'm an abutting land owner; it seriously affects my property values and the aesthetics of my neighborhood."

Marum said the board would consider his submission and address it during its next meeting, and it would be under review by the board's bylaw codification subcommittee.

Several residents also spoke out against Loranger's 324 Front Street project, objecting to the size and scope of the building.

"Front Street has been a wakeup call," said Margot Stone. "That is a tower and it has dwarfed every ... old house in that neighborhood and my ... challenge to the Planning Board is that I hope you will look at what the zoning bylaws are in the older section of the village to try to maintain the integrity of our village because I think this particular building has put everything else out of scale."

Jean Maher said the nearly 35-foot high building now overlooks her deck, "And I really resent the loss of privacy." She thought the matter had been resolved when the ZBA denied Loranger's initial design and was amazed to see the building going up.

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"I hope we can do something about this because it really is an eyesore," Maher said, "and I feel that it ruins the whole entrance of Front Street there. It's a huge building that's definitely out of place."

Saltonstall said, "I think it's been an eye-opener for a lot of people in town.... A lot of people have approached me to say, how did this happen? It's an issue that we're going to take seriously and look at. I think it's important."

The board talked some about historic districts and the Sippican Historical Society's proposed bylaw to delay the demolition of older houses in the village until the history of the structure could be reviewed.

In other matters, Marum said the Attorney General has accepted the Town's temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments, and the next step will be the drafting of zoning bylaws to regulate potential dispensaries in town. Marum expects a bylaw to be ready for a Fall Special Town Meeting vote in October. The moratorium will expire December 31, 2018.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for **April 17** at 5:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

ConCom Takes Action on Wetlands Violation

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jean Perry

The Marion Conservation Commission on March

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28 issued an Enforcement Order to the owners of 78 Wareham Road for what the commission perceived as an obvious violation of the Wetlands Protection Act and the Clean Rivers Act after visiting the site.

According to Vice Chairman Jeffrey Doubrava, extensive clear-cutting has taken place after visiting the site located next to the Weweantic River.

"A good part of the lot has been clear cut," Doubrava said. "I'm not sure if that part of it is in [wetlands] buffer, but it's certainly in the riverfront area. That's ... the mouth of the river..."

Doubrava pointed out that a deed restriction notes that the wooded area that was clear-cut was the habitat of at least one endangered species and not allowed to be touched, which is under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program.

"[The work is] not a subtle thing," Doubrava said. "We didn't go and pick trees out here and there; it's essentially clear cut..."

"It's pretty huge, I think," said commission member Joel Hartley.

The property owner purchased the land, Doubrava said, and hired an engineer and also filed with the Planning Board for an Approval Not Required to subdivide the land into four lots.

Doubrava said he wasn't sure if clearing took place within the wetlands line, but he was confident the

riverfront zone was disturbed.

The commission said the Enforcement Order will require the property owner to file a Notice of Intent after the fact, and Natural Heritage would be forwarded a copy of the order.

Another possible wetlands violation at 308 Converse Road was determined not to be a violation within the wetlands, but one could be possible at 2 Washburn Park Road. Doubrava suggested the new owners of the horse farm file a Request for Determination for grading and fill already begun in the front pasture, and the owners must submit an engineer's report before the commission can issue a Certificate of Compliance the new owners had requested for past work.

In other matters, the commission approved a three-year extension for the turtle garden at The Cove, filed by Debra Ewing.

Although the extension for ongoing work was granted, Doubrava expressed he could not support any future expansion of the "salt meadow" area that is mowed to enhance the turtle habitat restoration project, which Ewing had expressed an interest in doing during past meetings.

"I'm not in favor of expanding the mowed areas, given that they had a hard time living within the agreed-to mowed area this past year," Doubrava said.

Last year, The Cove's hired landscaper over-mowed the area, crossing marked barriers that were meant to distinguish the boundary of the area approved for mowing.

"And also, I've yet to be convinced that the mowing is actually doing anything positive for the box turtles," continued Doubrava, "so I'm all right with extending it ... but I'd like to see more data that, yes, we're helping the box turtles by doing the mowing and have justified expanding the mowed area."

Also during the meeting, the commission accepted the withdrawal of Great Hill's Notice of Intent for underground culvert pipe repair and phragmites control. Continued from February 28, the scope of the project had become more complex than the applicant expected, so Cathy Stone, on behalf of Great Hill, withdrew the NOI and will reassess a future plan for pipe repair, wetlands flushing, and phragmites control.

The commission approved a Notice of Intent for Emmanuel DaCosta to install an in-ground swimming pool at 163 Cross Neck Road, and they also rendered a Negative 2 and 3 determination (no NOI required) for John and Maria Hartwell's Request for Determination to upgrade a failed septic system with a conforming Title 5



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The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for **April 11** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

School Committee Adopts FY19 Budget

Rochester School Committee

By Jean Perry

The Rochester Memorial School budget for fiscal year 2019 was approved during the March 29 meeting of the Rochester School Committee after a brief presentation by Superintendent Doug White and Business Administrator Patrick Spencer.

The budget was up this year by \$180,000, or 2.96%, totaling \$6,256,108.

"I think this budget provides the support necessary to continue the wonderful education for our students in Rochester," said White. "I think as you go through this, you will see we've made some significant gains ... to provide that quality education to our students."

The budget, said White, supports the school's developing technology needs, as well as evolving security needs, while maintaining optimum class sizes.

Driving the budget this year are various increases and decreases in different areas of the budget in staffing, regular education, and special education.

Staffing will see an \$86,000 increase with contractual obligations, and some staff has been shifted and realigned according to student needs.

Also, said White, "Our grants for kindergarten are not as hefty as they once were, so we need to pick up some of those costs within our local budgets," to the tune of a \$66,000 increase.

"We've done a great job of offsetting some of the costs," said White, not only in decreased utility costs, but also through the rental of space to outside entities. Furthermore, White said outsourcing custodial services will also save the district an additional \$35,000.

Overall, by shifting staff within the school, the district was able to cut back \$124,000.

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The RMS student population has hovered between 450 and 475 students over the past several years with the exception of one year when student population reached 515. As of now, it stands at 507.

"We see a trend down a little bit, but we also know there's growth in town and those numbers may continue to increase ... which is the trend around the state," White said.

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ORR Runners Show True 'GRIT'

ORR Update

By Jo Caynon

They start off in the afternoon in a large group, leaving the high school campus and patiently waiting at the updated crosswalk for cars to stop and allow them to pass. The colorful group, clad in a rainbow of athletic gear, makes its way across Route 6 and heads down into the adjacent neighborhood for the beginning of their routine trek.

This increasingly familiar sight, of course, is the Southeast GRIT Team. GRIT, which stands for "Growing while Running and Inspiring Together," is a group of training long-distance runners with members from the student, teacher, staff, and parent ORRHS communities. ORRHS science teacher Sheryl Briggs is one of the team's mentors.

"We are a running program that trains students to run the Providence Marathon (or in some cases, the half marathon)," Briggs explained. "We meet two to three times during the week and on Saturday for our

long run. Generally, we run 4.5 to five miles on Tuesdays and Thursdays and cross-training on Wednesdays. We began training back in October, and this past weekend we completed our twenty-mile long run. We have several returners and many new runners this year with some runners joining to train during the off-season for their specific sport. We are very accommodating to students needs."

Senior Alice Bednarczyk said, "I had originally joined because I needed a way to fulfill my upperclassmen gym requirement, but then I found it was a really good way to get into running and to train yourself to exercise if you are unused to it." Bednarczyk added, "I think a program that teaches kids how to be comfortable as they exercise (like GRIT) is something every school needs to have.... It's a way for people who want to run – but don't know how to start – to actually start running."

Hannah Powers said she likes the feeling of accomplishment the most – and of course, the team shirts and the medals.

"It encourages kids to exercise but also to discover their limits aren't as close as they seem," said Powers.

GRIT embarked on a milestone 20-mile run last Saturday, in overall preparation for the end-of-year marathon that runners do in May. The last official road race the group was a part of was the New Bedford Half Marathon in mid-March, where 17 students and 15 adult mentors of GRIT completed the race.

One of the runners who completed it is senior Caitlin Stopka, who is in her first year running as part of GRIT.

"We have done three road races so far: the Fairhaven Turkey Trot (5K), the Frosty Road Race (10.5 miles), and the New Bedford Half Marathon," said Stopka. "My favorite thing from it all is getting to work with my teachers and friends to see how much we are all capable of accomplishing."

Stopka is one of the group who herself has an impressive accomplishment under her belt already.

"She is in her first year and yet she ran the challenging New Bedford Half Marathon in two hours



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on a windy, cold day," Briggs praised. "Another senior, Georgie Battaglia, has run well over 800 miles with the program and will be completing her third marathon in May. Many of the other returning runners have also bettered their times this year at the various races."

"Being a good teammate is more than just showing up to practices and doing your part," said Bednarczyk summing it all up. "It's about having your group's backs and cheering each other on whenever possible, and GRIT has helped teach me that."

ORR Boys' Tennis Reloads with New Coach


High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

Old Rochester Regional's boys' tennis has dominated the South Coast Conference for the past four seasons, and they enter this season as the reigning champions once again. While most of the team is returning for the 2018 campaign, for the first time in over a decade the Bulldogs will be without their head coach, Russ Keeler.

But Keeler's replacement, Mike Beson, is in a good position to take over, having been Keeler's assistant for the last four seasons.

"It is a completely different kind of focus on the responsibilities," Beson said. "The first time it really set in was when I told the team cuts were happening Wednesday. So, on Tuesday night, I was racking my brain




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trying to figure out what to do about the reality of making cuts for the first time ever.

"And then I just ended up not making any cuts and keeping twenty kids," said Beson.

One unexpected player on the roster is Old Rochester basketball standout senior **Bennett Fox**, who's never even tried out for the tennis team before. Though he's played casually, Fox has never given the sport a real shot, but he has shocked Beson and the team that's recognized as the powerhouse of the SCC.

"He has pretty quickly [inserted himself] into our starting lineup," Beson said. "Which is kind of unheard of in tennis for a strong team. We've joked and said it a bunch ... we wish we could go back in time and get a tennis racket in his hands because he'd be something special. He's going to be really good this year."

Beson's lineup will remain relatively similar at the top, with **Sam Pasquill** filling in the No. 1 slot in his senior campaign. Though **Alex Bilodeau** is gone, having graduated from ORR in 2017, his replacement at the No. 2 slot, senior **Jahn Pothier**, is more than capable of taking over. Junior **Ray Williams** played second doubles last year and could factor into singles play or first doubles. **Geoff Noonan** saw some action last season and is expected to contribute throughout.

All this gives Old Rochester as good a chance as any school, if not an even better chance, to win the SCC title, which would be the fifth in as many seasons.

"It's been a down couple years for the conference as a whole. There've been good players, but there haven't been teams that have been as deep as us," Beson said. "Though we're hopeful that teams will be a little bit stronger. We've got a good, tough non-league schedule just in case. But we're optimistic that some teams will be a little bit better. And with Somerset Berkley being new to the league, we have no idea what they'll be like. We're optimistic we'll have some good matchups in the conference."

In addition to Dartmouth and Duxbury who the Bulldogs played last year – though they'll visit Duxbury this year rather than host like last season – Old Rochester also added Bishop Feehan and North Plymouth to the non-league schedule in hopes of preparing for the playoffs.

While the postseason seems like a lock for Old Rochester, despite graduating **Caleb Jagoda**, **Max Wolski** and **Josh Lerman** in addition to Bilodeau, the team is still concerning itself with winning the SCC first. The hope is that by focusing on each individual game, they'll be more than ready for the MIAA tournament when the time comes.

Tabor Academy

Kelly Browne was the recent female recipient of the John Carlton Memorial Trophy for her excellence on the ice for Tabor Academy's girls' hockey team. The award is given annually by the Boston Bruins to outstanding boys and girls in Eastern Massachusetts

high school or junior hockey “who combine exceptional hockey skills with academic excellence.” The trophy is named after Carlton, a long time Bruins scout and administrator.



Browne finished her career with the Seawolves in spectacular fashion, scoring 27 goals, while logging 13 assists, totaling at 40 points over 22 games in her senior season.

In addition to being named the Independent School League MVP, she was also named the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council’s female hockey player of the year.


Browne was also part of the United States’ Under-18 Women’s National Team that won the gold medal at the IIHF Under-18 Women’s World Championship in Dmitrov, Russia.

Browne plans to continue her career and education at Boston College in the fall.

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Letters to the Editor

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To the Voters of Marion:

We urge you to support the Town House Renovation Plan, which will come before the voters at Town Meeting on May 14.

After six years of planning and revisions, the current proposal is finely tuned to the needs of the community and to concerns about wise and economically-prudent public expenditures. The past year's consideration of an alternate new construction project on Route 6 was productive in that it generated careful review and more modest programmatic needs for both options.

At 11,000 square feet, the Renovation Option meets all of the Town's needs within the original 1876 building, including a basement for important archival record storage needs. The additional cost differential over new construction for the median tax rate is less than \$36 per year.

Further, the public benefit of keeping the Town House at its central convenient location is considerable. There is no certainty whatsoever that the building would be scooped up and appropriately renovated by a private developer in a timely manner or without major additions and/or changes to the site plan.

How much longer can we continue to praise the beauty of Marion's historic seaside charm if we aren't willing to step up to preserve and maintain the historic buildings which comprise that image? If we don't, Marion's seaside charm will soon be nothing more than a myth.

The emotional responsiveness and heartfelt concern that residents have voiced at public meetings are exactly what is needed to spark the interest and commitment to saving historic buildings such as this one.

We urge you to attend Town Meeting and support the Renovation Plan on May 14.

Thank you,

The Marion Town House Building Committee
Robert Raymond, Chair
Shaun Cormier
Lynn Crocker
Priscilla Ditchfield
Wayne Mattson
Bill Saltonstall
Meg Steinberg

To the Editor:

A few facts about the Marion Town House Renovation...

The Town House Building Committee has refined the plan and costs again and again over the past six years. The reconstruction will take the building down to the studs. The projected estimates are all inclusive and there is a generous contingency amount included to cover unanticipated expenses.

The renovation will cost an additional 34 cents per thousand dollars of assessed house value for a 20-year bond. This means that for the median Marion house value of \$400,000, the increase in taxes annually would be \$137. As compared to what the increase would have been if the new building option was chosen, this is about \$36 additional. These figures are from the Town Finance Director. This seems like money worth spending to keep the Town House as an historic centerpiece in the village.

And, there's nothing wrong with having stairs. Use the elevator if you need to, but stairs are a healthy option to have for employees and residents who want to get some exercise while they work and pay their bills.

It is important that townspeople vote "Yes" for this project to keep Marion's history and character alive for our residents and our children. I believe it is essential for this renovation to go forward immediately to avoid costs of further delay (\$500,000 per year). Support our sense of community and of place by helping to maintain our historic Marion Town House.

Dana Anderson, Marion

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to comments expressed



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in a recent Letter to the Editor wherein libelous statements were made against me personally and my statements have been taken out of the context within which they were made; which have then been interpreted to mean something nefarious and illegal, suggesting the need for the District Attorney or the Attorney General to be called. Really.

The opinion expressed by local resident Beth Underwood reflects ignorance of the Wetlands Protection Act, the Public Hearing Process, and the duty of the local Conservation Commission. Perhaps it would have been wiser to have some understanding of the same before you put pen to paper in ignorance?

If you have any question about the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission's March 12 meeting, go to the tape; we are on TV and recorded at each meeting. All meetings are recorded and are a matter of public record and available for your viewing pleasure on the Town website. The message that the current Commission wishes to convey is that our process is a transparent and inclusive one and that we seek to be consensus builders.

Moreover, projects which may have significant impacts on our local resource areas, as identified by the Wetlands Protection Act, are also subject to jurisdiction and oversight by State AND Federal authorities such as: MassDEP, EPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MA Fish

OBITUARIES



Charles T. Kelly, 72, of Mattapoissett passed away Saturday, March 31, 2018 at home surrounded by his family after a four year battle with brain cancer. He was the husband of Maureen E. (Craig) Kelly.

Born in Boston, son of the late Charles J. and Elizabeth (Cefelo) Kelly, he lived in Easton and Mattapoissett for most

of his life.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoissett.

Charles attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was also a two sport scholarship recipient for both baseball and football.

Following graduation, he was employed by Trane for four years as a sales engineer. He partnered with Milhench, Inc. and started R.A.C. Services where he was the owner for over thirty years. Upon closing R.A.C.'s doors, he became the MEP Project Manager for Gilbane until his illness.

Charles enjoyed boating, skiing, working on his wife's beautiful gardens, vacations, and spending time with family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years; four children, Kimberly A. DeLeo, Maureen K. Mullen, Michael C. Kelly and his wife Jessica, and Kevin C. Kelly and his wife Heather; ten grandchildren, Talia and Gianna DeLeo, Luke, Emma, and Caillaigh Mullen, Isabelle, Tyler, and Hazel Kelly, and Tanner and Declan Kelly; four siblings, Joseph Kelly and his wife Stephanie, William Kelly, Robert Kelly and his wife Patricia, and Jean Canty and her husband Thomas; and many nieces and nephews.

His memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, April 5th from 4-8 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoissett. His Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, April 6th at 9 am at St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoissett. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made toward Kim and Maureen's ride in the Pan-Mass Challenge, which supports Dana-Farber Cancer

Research. Checks can be made out to PMC and mailed to 1 Brant Beach Avenue, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 or online for Kim at www.pmc.org/KD0193 or www.pmc.org/MM0573 for Maureen. Thank You. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Sarah Adeline (Johnson) Gulecas of Marion, our sweetest mother, grandmother and friend, passed away on Thursday



March 29, 2018 after a brief illness at the age of 87. She was the wife of the late Lazarus H. Gulecas.

Born in Viola, Kansas, the daughter of the late Robert O. Johnson and Adeline Katherine (Kraus) Johnson Werner, she lived in Marion for most of her life.

Mrs. Gulecas was formerly employed by Christy's Market in Marion for many years until her retirement.

She was an avid line dancer and enjoyed walking and attending exercise classes with her friends.

She is survived by three children, James F. Gulecas and his wife Grace of New Port Richey, FL, Timothy J. Gulecas and Anne D. Urquhart and her husband Greg, all of Marion; and two grandchildren, Colin M. Urquhart and Mason A. Urquhart, both of Marion.

She was predeceased by her stepfather, Frederick Werner and her siblings, Bernard Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, and Charles Johnson.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday April 7, 2018 at 10 am at Evergreen Cemetery in Marion. Visiting hours will be on Friday April 6th from 5-8 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoissett. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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and Wildlife, MA Division of Marine Fisheries, National Heritage, Endangered Species, MEPA & NEPA just to cite a few of the agencies that review projects BEFORE the local Commission issues the actual Orders of Conditions, which are done with the input of licensed Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Wetland Science Professionals as well as our own local Conservation Agent. There is abundant and overlapping oversight by many.

"...condition projects locally..." YES.

Unequivocally YES. I said that and what it means is that the current Commission will seek to obtain consensus from the abutters to local projects, such that their concerns are respected and that each Applicant's design mitigates those concerns to the extent of our local jurisdiction as defined under the Wetlands Protection Act, AFTER review is completed by the aforementioned agencies at the State and Federal level. There are limits, however, to what we can do under the Wetlands Protection Act as a matter of Right and the Rule of Law which protect the Applicant, too. The context of my statement is to keep the conditioning process local and avoid what are known as "Superseding Orders of Conditions," which are a matter of Right, but which normally do NOT respect local concerns.

The process to appeal any decision that we render exists as an additional check and balance, for anyone with standing that feels otherwise, for appeal to MassDEP and or Superior Court. The Wetlands Protection Act is a LAW designed to protect the resources we all enjoy. It provides for a regulatory process that is thorough, inclusive and respectful of all party's concerns. Local Applicants in Mattapoisett need to know that the Commission does not exist to say no, we exist to say yes, provided you follow the rule of law.

It is clear from the Letter that was published that the author might want to better understand and learn how the process works before you assassinate the character of five local residents that volunteer their time to support what they believe in and hold dear, which are the Resource Areas that make Mattapoisett Special for ALL of the residents that live here.

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8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Mind Matters – South Coast
Behavioral Health
9:00 AM The Chico and Brian Show
9:30 AM Small Factory Productions
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Euro Kitchen
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM 100 Mile Meals
3:30 PM Garage X
4:00 PM The Garage with Steve Butler
4:30 PM Beyond Boston
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater
6:30 PM Legal Ease
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM Stop My Crisis
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Democracy Now!
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM The Ghoul

Friday April 6, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors – How to Maintain
Your Independence
9:00 AM Small Factory Productions
9:30 AM Curious Giraffe
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Wicked Good Food
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM The Ghoul
1:30 PM Tae Kwon Do
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Euro Kitchen
4:00 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:00 PM Duke of Sports
6:00 PM South Coast Central News
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles
7:00 PM Deutsch Welles
7:30 PM Deutsch Welles
8:00 PM The Collective Chat
8:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability
9:30 PM Democracy Now!
10:30 PM Words on Film
11:30 PM Conversations with Dr.Don

Saturday April 7, 2018

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon
Festival
9:00 AM What's New Massachusetts?
9:30 AM Falmouth in Focus
10:00 AM South Coast Matters
10:30 AM Money Matters TV
11:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
11:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
12:00 PM Science 360
1:00 PM Women 2 Women Today
1:30 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents
2:00 PM Carpe Diem
2:30 PM New England Authors with
Kameel Nasr
3:00 PM Tae Kwon Do
3:30 PM Reeling, The Movie Review
Show
4:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal
5:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
5:30 PM Arts Alive
6:00 PM The Ol' Melodious! Show
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Read, Rant, Repeat
7:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
8:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
9:00 PM Media Edge
11:00 PM From the Files of Greater
Ashland Paranormal

Sunday April 8, 2018

7:00 AM Mind Matters – South Coast
Behavioral Health
7:30 AM Today's Message
8:00 AM Chef's Table
9:00 AM Rochester's First Congrega-
tional Church Sermon
10:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
11:00 AM Carpe Diem
11:30 AM Cinemaniacs
12:30 PM Eat Well Be Happy
1:00 PM Angel Talk
1:30 PM Arts Alive
2:00 PM Rochester's First Congrega-
tional Church Sermon
3:30 PM A Vetren Story
4:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
4:30 PM Neighbor to Nations
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9:00 PM The Brotherhood Ride
10:30 PM Gay USA
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Monday April 9, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move

8:30 AM Suicide Awareness and
Prevention
9:00 AM Small Factory Productions
9:30 AM Curious Giraffe
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Hungry 4 Travel
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Chef's Table
4:00 PM Reeling, the Movie Review
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4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
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8:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
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Tuesday April 10, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Reeling, the Movie Review
Show
9:00 AM Children's Corner
9:30 AM Chico and Brian
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Intelligent Autistic Media
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM What's New Massachusetts?
3:30 PM Garage X
4:00 PM Films for Justice
5:00 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
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9:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
9:30 PM Science 360
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM STEAM in 30

Wednesday April 11, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Senior Scene
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Dr. Carey's Baby Care
9:00 AM The Chico and Brian Show
9:30 AM Sing Along Fun with Miss
Miriam
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Wicked Good Food
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Yoga for Health
3:30 PM Talking Trek Show
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:00 PM The Duke of Sports
6:00 PM Interview with Carla Taglinente,
Head Field Hockey Coach
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles
7:00 PM Deutsch Welles
7:30 PM Deutsch Welles
8:00 PM Rochester Historical Commit-
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8:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability
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8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commis-
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9:30 AM Marion Board of Selectmen –
March 20, 2018
11:00 AM Marion Planning Board –
March 19, 2018
12:30 PM Marion School Committee –
January 10, 2018
1:30 PM Marion Conservation Commis-
sion – March 28, 2017
3:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman –
March 20, 2018
4:30 PM Marion Planning Board –
March 19, 2018
6:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman:
Town House Special Meeting – March 1,
2018
8:00 PM Marion School Committee –
January 10, 2018
9:00 PM Marion Conversation Commis-
sion – March 28, 2017
10:30 PM Marion Board if Selectman –
March 20, 2018

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Old Rochester Regional School
Committee – March 26, 2018
8:30 AM Old Rochester Public Hearing
and District School Committee – March
27, 2018 12:00 PM Rochester
Board Selectmen – March 19, 2018
1:00 PM Rochester Planning Board –
March 22, 2018
3:00 PM Rochester Conservation
Commission – March 20, 2018
4:00 PM Rochester Candidates Night –
March 27, 2018
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11:00 PM ORR District Budget Meeting –
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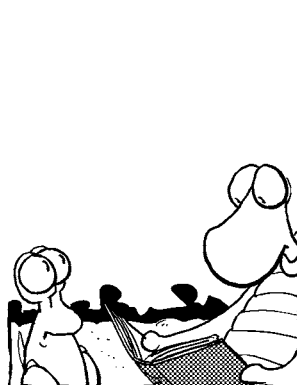
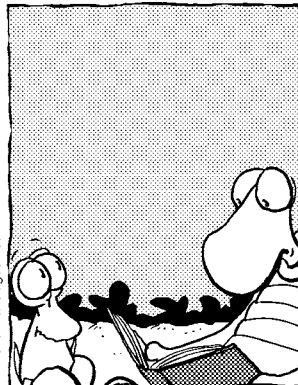
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey



of the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were catalogued and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's office). Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will preview one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture. This installment features 14 Main Street.



Built in 1760, the Cape Cod cottage at 14 Main Street was built for the Bates family. Behind this house is a small one-room schoolhouse where Elizabeth Pitcher Taber taught before her marriage in 1823. At one time, Miss Roberta Bates and her sister, Nancy Bates Crowell, kept a calico and notions shop in part of this house. At the turn of the century, noted artist and magazine illustrator

Charles Dana Gibson lived here. He was the creator of the famous Gibson Girl, which helped to define female fashion in the 1890s. Charles Dana Gibson was a member of the wedding party of the famous war correspondent Richard Harding Davis and Cecil Clark at St. Gabriel's Church in May 1899. Ethel Barrymore was also in the wedding party as the maid of honor.

ORRJHS Students of the Month

Kevin T. Brogioli, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for February 2018:

Green Team: Cameran Weaver & Quinn Davignon
 Orange Team: Samuel Harris & Julia Sheridan
 Purple Team: Rhiannon Maksy & Benjamin DeMoranville
 Blue Team: Brady LaPierre & Emma Welter
 Red Team: Charlotte Forker & Aiden Sylvia
 Special Areas: Caitlin Collier & Riley Farrell

Earth Day Trash Bash

Marion is having a Scout-led Spring Town Clean Up on Saturday, **April 28**. Streets will be cleaned and closets cleared as the Marion Cub Scouts Pack 32 and Marion Boy Scouts Troop 32 join forces with GiftstoGive, the Marion Recreation Department, Tabor Academy, and Marion Department of Public Works for a spring cleaning! Please join us when we rally at Washburn Park on Saturday, April 28 from 8:30 - 11:00 am. (Rain date is April

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MOVIE REVIEW

Kill Your Heroes

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Star Wars: The Last Jedi*. Starring Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher. Directed by Rian Johnson. Running time: 152 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now on home video.**

So much happens in these new *Star Wars* films, and at such a ferocious clip, you'd think Lucasfilm had enough material for another whole trilogy. (Many stand-alone "*Star Wars* stories" are planned, including *Solo* in May.) *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* is also, at two hours and thirty-two minutes, the longest of the nine movies thus far, and deep into the second hour it can feel a little draining. There's some stuff that feels extraneous (the whole Canto Bight sequence, which seems to exist to set up a new Lando-like character played by Benicio del Toro), and the cycle of attack and retreat — mostly retreat — gets a bit monotonous. But writer/director Rian Johnson pulls it together for the finale, unfolding on a planet with white salt coating red soil. The tracks of vehicles and feet scoring out crimson marks in the ground, as if slicing and drawing blood, has a poetry that matches the binary sunset of Tatooine, an image stirringly echoed here.

In *The Last Jedi*, Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) returns, only to tell us and his student Rey (Daisy Ridley) that he and everything he once stood for deserves to die. This is a real "there are no heroes" movie, although not in a nihilistic way. I was amused to see that Luke, all these years later, is excoriating himself for the hubris — the smugness, really — he showed in *Return of the Jedi*. Hero myths of the sort that fed *Star Wars* in the first place, we are informed, are lies. There are only flawed people (or aliens, whatever) trying to resist tyranny. Luke says to us, in effect, "You grew up looking up to me. You were wrong, but I was more wrong to accept that reverence. The fact is that I am a failure." He's wrong there, too — one of the movie's gentler points is that someone who fails (meaning all of us) is not a failure. A failure is a failure, and victory proceeds by small and not always satisfying degrees.

The plot has what's left of the Resistance, led by General Leia (Carrie Fisher in a moving swan song), running from the relentless forces of the First Order, led by Supreme Leader Snoke (Andy Serkis) and his soul-divided apprentice Kylo Ren (Adam Driver), son of Leia and Han Solo, one-time student of Luke. There's an awful lot of back and forth, people hopping into ships and



revving off for here and there, a good amount of *pew pew* and lightsaber hum, but the meat of the movie is a young man torn between good and evil, a young woman who feels he can turn to the good side, and an old man who has been there, done that, and takes a lot of convincing that any of it means anything. Johnson and his team (cinematographer Steve Yedlin, editor Bob Ducsay) stage the action cleanly and sometimes with a cathartic swoop of exhilaration, but a good deal of it is the same *pew pew* and hum we've been seeing for forty years.

The currency here is the people. Hotshot pilot Poe Dameron (Oscar Isaac) taunting First Order General Hux ("Hi, I'm on hold for a General Hugs") is a risky but gratifying way to open the movie; returning stormtrooper-turned-rebel Finn (John Boyega) and newcomer Rose (Kelly Marie Tran), zipping around trying to crack into a tracking device, make a fun team in perpetual motion. The Vietnamese-American Tran is one of many women and/or people of color taking their places at the foreground of these new *Star Wars* movies, upsetting racist fanboys but pleasing everyone else. A most welcome addition is Laura Dern as a purple-haired Vice Admiral whose command is gentle but firm — she bats away the indignation of hothead Poe without raising her voice. Whoever decided to bring the warmhearted, levelheaded Dern into the *Star Wars* universe deserves a good cigar.

Ultimately, *The Last Jedi* speaks for the strength of a united front against imperial aggression, and forget about elevating a few people to godhood — and that includes the villains, too. The final image leaves us with the assurance that young people tired of injustice will pick up the ball their elders dropped; the movie was filmed and released before the Parkland shooting and its subsequent students' movement, but seems to anticipate it. The *Star Wars* universe is starting to mirror our own in that it is re-evaluating its holy trinity of heroes — Luke, Leia and Han — and advising their worshipers to look to themselves for rescue, redemption, and faith. The Force (whose power no longer seems to depend on the "midichlorians" of George Lucas' prequels) shares with Zen Buddhism a cleansing disregard for icons (foreshadowed when Rey hands Luke his father's lightsaber and he tosses it over his shoulder): If you meet the Buddha on the road, kill him.

29 at the same time.) Participants will be given trash bags, recycling bags, gloves and be provided with a yellow vest. Assignments will be handed out and participants will clear the trash and other debris left from winter and the four 'easters' wake.

In addition to cleaning up our streets, cleaning out our closets will also be on the agenda as the GiftstoGive truck will be at Washburn Park from 8:30 - 11:00 am, collecting new and gently used children's items. Please see their website for details about items they accept: www.giftstogive.org.

Litter collected will be returned to Washburn Park to create a trash mountain, a visual testament to not only the stunning amount of litter left on town roadways but also to the amazing efforts of caring community members.

Connecting with the Natural World

Join the Wareham Land Trust, Sippican Lands Trust, and Rochester Land Trust for "Connecting with the Natural World Through Art and Education with Artist Peter Stone" at the Marion Art Center (80 Pleasant Street, Marion) on Saturday, **April 7** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Patrons can enjoy beautiful paintings of natural landscapes by artist Peter Stone, who will be presenting his paintings and the inspiration behind them. Organizers say come and connect with other local nature lovers over refreshments and appreciate these works of art at this free event. For more information, visit <http://warehamlandtrust.org/connecting-with-the-natural-world-artist-peter-stone/> or contact the Wareham Land Trust at 508-295-0211 or at info@warehamlandtrust.org.

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity has recently joined hands with those in the community to form a group of builders, subcontractors and donors, all volunteering their time, skills and resources to help a local mother. After the birth of her second child, the mother contracted an aggressive infection that ultimately led to bilateral below-the-knee amputations along with other serious complications. After months of rehabilitation, this

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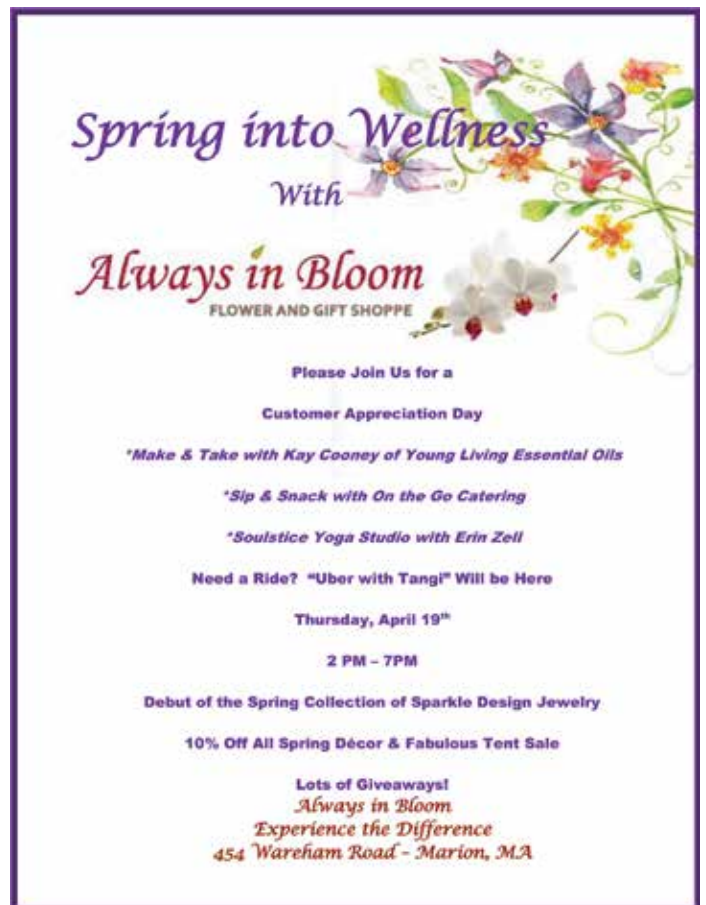
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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



On March 20, Sippican Elementary School's sixth-graders narrowly defeated the teacher-parent team at their Basketball Bonanza Fundraiser for their annual Three-Day Appalachian Mountain Classroom (AMC) field trip. At the game, the students were elated when two area businesses each presented a check for over \$600. The community has really come together to make sure every sixth grader gets to experience this amazing trip! Photo courtesy Sippican Sixth Grade Parents Group



The Marion Natural History Museum after school group had a great time working with natural materials to create structures, candleholders, jewelry boxes, cairns, and a communal landscape complete with bridge, benches, and trees. As usual, the kids exhibited outstanding cooperation, creativity, and imagination. The museum thanks the following for helping the students with their creations: David Dodge, Faye Parker, Katie Resendiz, Kylie Snider, Alex Giannans and Evan Costa. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

mother remains determined to continue with therapy to improve her mobility in hopes of one day being able to keep up with her two young and active children. Habitat for Humanity has stepped in to help renovate the family's home and will be providing a large accessible bathroom for the mother.

Habitat's "Brush With Kindness" program allows Habitat to serve local families who are in need of repairs such as weatherization (interior storm windows), painting, fixing up an existing porch, adding a ramp, repairing a roof, or making a home accessible again. For families in need of critical home repairs, Habitat's Brush With Kindness program may be the solution. To sponsor or nominate a family, please call the Habitat office at 508-758-4517.

Habitat for Humanity homes and Brush With Kindness projects are fully supported by donations. Habitat's financial resources are limited and they rely upon gifts of land, discounted properties, donations and discounted materials to assure the affordability of the houses that are built and the remodel projects that are completed.

Habitat's mission is to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope. Please consider partnering with Habitat to help make this project and others a reality for local families in need of our help. To make a donation, please call Habitat's office at 508-758-4517.



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights March 25-March 31

- Front St – Mental health assist
- Front St – MV collision
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- South St – Health/welfare
- Derby Ln – Officer wanted
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Larceny/past
- Benson Brook Rd – Brush fire
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Piney Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – Assist other police dept
- Oak Ave – 911 abandoned
- Route 195 East – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Found property
- Mill St – Suspicious person
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Vandalism/past
- Front St – MV collision
- Front St – Brush fire
- Parlowtown Rd – Warrant arrest
- Zora Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – General offense
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 25-March 31

- County Rd – Assist other agency
- Holly Ln – Medical assist
- River Bend Ln – Animal control
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Indian Ave – MV lockout
- County Rd – Disturbance
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- Angelica Ave – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Peace officer
- County Rd – Property returned
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Prospect Rd – Suspicious MV
- Lynfield Ln – General service
- Neds Point Rd – Suspicious MV
- Cecelia Ave – Disturbance
- Winter Hill Rd – B&E
- Marion Rd – General service
- Brandt Island Rd – Suspicious MV
- North St – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Assault
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Silver Shell Ave – Animal control
- Mendell Rd – Gunshots reported
- North St – Follow up investigation
- I195 East – Brush fire
- Brookside Dr – General service
- Church St – Complaint
- Winnatuxet Beach Rd – General service

ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 25-March 31

- Gerrish Rd – Officer wanted
- Alley Rd – Domestic disturbance
- North Ave – Ambulance request
- Alley Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marys Pond Rd – Ambulance request
- Dexter Ln – Restraining order service
- North Ave – Disturbance
- North Ave – Officer wanted
- Gerrish Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Forbes Rd – Suspicious activity
- Paradise Ln – Restraining order service
- North Ave – Assist other agency
- Paradise Ln – Paper service
- High St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- North Ave – Harassment order service
- Stuart Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Assist citizen
- Marys Pond Rd – Arrest
- Robinson Rd – Ambulance request
- Haskell Ridge Rd – Complaint
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV accident
- Dexter Ln – Community service
- Snipatuit Rd – Ambulance request
- Coombs Rd – Complaint
- Dexter Ln – Domestic disturbance
- Dexter Ln – Investigation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV accident
- Dexter Ln – Restraining order service
- Dexter Ln – Domestic disturbance

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, April 9: Whole grain lasagna

roll-up, tomato sauce, fall vegetable blend, oatmeal roll, fresh apple, yogurt cup

Tuesday, April 10: Chicken coq au vin, O'Brien potatoes, glazed beets, multigrain bread, Mandarin oranges

Wednesday, April 11: Hot dog, mustard, relish, baked beans, cabbage & carrots, hot dog roll, peaches

Thursday, April 12: Baked meatloaf, mushroom onion gravy, garlic mashed potato, spring vegetables, whole wheat bread, chocolate pudding, diet: low-sugar pudding

Friday, April 13: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, Tahitian vegetables, glazed carrots, wheat bread, cinnamon apples

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, April 9: Grilled cheese w/tomato basil soup, goldfish crackers, cucumber coins, 2nd choice: Tuna wrap 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Tuesday, April 10: Memphis BBQ: pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, macaroni salad, warm apple crisp 2nd choice: Tuna wrap 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Wednesday, April 11: Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, cheese stick, strawberry cup 2nd choice: Tuna wrap 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Thursday, April 12: Buffalo chicken mac & cheese, green beans, carrot & celery

sticks 2nd choice: Tuna wrap 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Friday, April 13: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing, fruit cup 2nd choice: Tuna wrap 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, April 9: Build a burger: bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato, oven baked fries, pickle 2nd choice: Chef salad 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Tuesday, April 10: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato basil soup, oyster crackers, sliced cucumbers 2nd choice: Chef salad 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Wednesday, April 11: French toast, sausage, hash brown, roasted chick peas, peaches & cream cup 2nd choice: Chef salad 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Thursday, April 12: Homemade chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic bread stick, side salad 2nd choice: Chef salad 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Friday, April 13: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing 2nd choice: Chef salad 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, April 9: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, pickle, spiral fries

Tuesday, April 10: Taco nacho: seasoned taco meat, cheese sauce, tortilla chips, lettuce & tomato, salsa

Wednesday, April 11: Scrambled eggs, bacon, oven roasted potatoes, warm apple crisp

Thursday, April 12: Memphis BBQ: pulled pork sliders, BBQ baked beans, baked mac & cheese

Friday, April 13: Chicken (or) cheese quesadilla, fiesta rice, Mexican coleslaw

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, April 9: Meatball submarine with or without cheese, side Caesar salad, green beans 2nd choice: Buffalo chicken dip 3rd choice: Garden salad w/chicken

Tuesday, April 10: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato basil soup, oyster crackers, sliced cucumbers 2nd choice: Buffalo chicken dip 3rd choice: Garden salad w/chicken

Wednesday, April 11: French toast, sausage, hash brown, roasted chick peas, peaches & cream cup 2nd choice: Buffalo chicken dip 3rd choice: Garden salad w/chicken

Thursday, April 12: Pulled pork sliders, glazed carrots, macaroni salad, strawberry shortcake 2nd choice: Buffalo chicken dip 3rd choice: Garden salad w/chicken

Friday, April 13: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing 2nd choice: Buffalo chicken dip 3rd choice: Garden salad w/chicken

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, April 9: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato basil soup, oyster crackers, sliced cucumbers 2nd choice: Chef salad 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Tuesday, April 10: Taco Tuesday, lettuce & tomato, cheese, corn & black bean salsa, fiesta rice 2nd choice: Chef salad 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Wednesday, April 11: Scrambled eggs & bacon, tatar tots, cheese stick, fruit cup 2nd choice: Chef salad 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Thursday, April 12: Oven fried chicken, corn on the cob, roasted potato wedges 2nd choice: Chef salad 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

Friday, April 13: Stuffed crust pizza' fresh tossed salad 2nd choice: Chef salad 3rd choice: Assorted fun lunches

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, April 9: Assorted grilled cheese sandwich w/chili

Tuesday, April 10: Macaroni & cheese, green beans & bread stick

Wednesday, April 11: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies

Thursday, April 12: Linguica sandwich, fries & baked beans

Friday, April 13: Assorted stuffed crust pizza & Caesar salad

SLT Spring Walk

Join the Sippican Lands Trust (SLT) for a Spring Walk on Sunday, **April 8** at 1:00 pm at SLT's White Eagle property. Alan Harris, Sippican Lands Trust's walk leader and board member, will showcase the various features of the White Eagle property at Aucoot Woods during this walk.

The walk will begin at our White Eagle property kiosk and will last approximately two hours. White Eagle is located off of Route 6 in Marion. Take Parlowtown Road across from the town cemetery and follow road until you reach the cul-de-sac. Bear left onto the dirt road and follow past the abandoned cranberry bog on your right. Parking is available directly past the bog and along the dirt roadside. The kiosk is a short walk beyond.

Aucoot Woods is comprised of multiple properties including the 248-acre White Eagle property that supports a rich diversity of habitats including upland pine, mixed hardwood forest, shrub and wooded swamp, and freshwater marsh.

The walk is free and no registration is required. If the walk is canceled due to inclement weather, then information will be posted to SLT's website and Facebook page. For directions or further information visit sippicanlandstrust.org or call Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080.

Author Talk with Jana Milbocker

Do you enjoy visiting beautiful gardens? Enjoy a virtual tour of the best public gardens and specialty nurseries in the Northeast with The Garden Tourist! Join us at the Elizabeth Taber Library on Thursday, **April 12** at 4:00 pm to learn about each garden's highlights, history and amenities, followed by a book signing by Jana Milbocker, author of *The Garden Tourist*.

Jana Milbocker is an avid gardener, plant collector, garden designer and writer. She lectures on a variety of gardening topics and has presented at the Boston and Connecticut Flower Shows, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and at many garden clubs and organizations. Jana is a garden designer and owner of Enchanted Gardens, a landscape design and installation

firm.

This program is co-sponsored with the Marion Garden Group.

MCC Ham & Bean Supper

Come one, come all to Mattapoisett Congregational Church's home-cooked Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, **April 21** to support this summer's Mission Trip to The Craddock Center in Cherry Log, Georgia. There will be great food for the whole family and lots of fun and fellowship. Doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Tickets for the supper are \$10 per person and \$30 per family. Advance tickets will be sold at upcoming Sunday coffee hours and at the church office. Tickets will also be sold at the door on Saturday, April 21. The event will be held in Reynard Hall at Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. For more information, please call the Church Office at 508-758-2671 or email to mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

The Mission Trip to The Craddock Center (July 7-14) will be supporting Camp Craddock and providing a "camp" experience for children in need. Our mission team will serve as "camp counselors" and lead a variety of activities and experiences for the kids. Activities will include songs, stories, crafts, games and outdoor adventures.

African Library Project

The African Library Project, sponsored by the Elizabeth Taber Library and Sippican School, is an initiative to collect 1,000 books to send to Kaphira Primary School in Malawi, Africa. We need gently used books from pre-school through fourth grade levels as well as \$500 to ship the books to Africa. Please bring donations to either the Elizabeth Taber Library or Sippican School Library from April 29 through May 5. This endeavor makes a concrete and personal difference for children and communities on both continents. The African Library Project changes lives book by book by helping libraries in rural Africa with this grassroots approach. Did you know...?



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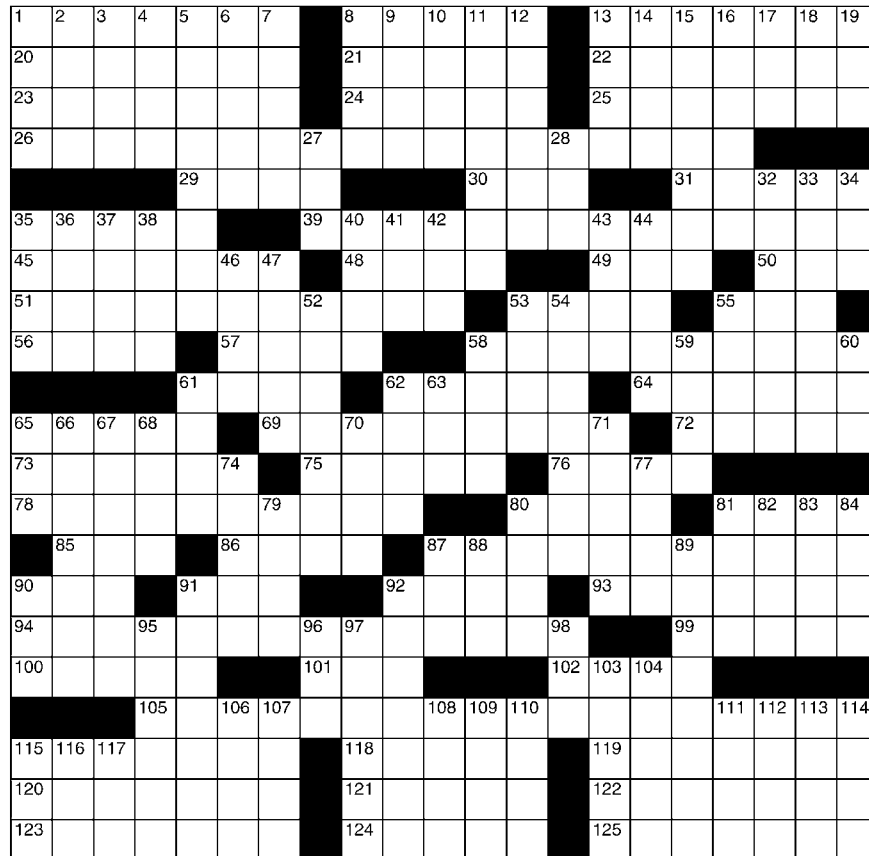
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Resist a confrontation with that irksome person. The matter will soon blow over anyway. Meanwhile, channel your high Arian energy into areas with more positive potential.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The innovative Bovine finds a creative way to resolve a sensitive domestic problem by midweek. A former colleague returns with an intriguing business suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An unexpected critical statement from someone you trust could catch you momentarily off guard. But you soon recover your equilibrium and rise to the challenge.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel you can handle a new project on your own. But advice from someone with experience could help you avoid possibly costly as well as time-consuming obstacles.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Waiting for others to make decisions is difficult for the take-charge Lion. But by week's end, you should hear news that will help you regain control of the situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your superjudgmental side could dominate the week unless you try to keep it in check. Otherwise you risk offending people, including some who are very close to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect more information to come out about that possible career shift. Meanwhile, your loving concern helps someone close to you get through a worrisome period.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Despite an occasional setback, workplace pressures should continue to ease through most of the week. This would be a good time to plan that long-delayed trip.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian quickly recognizes an opportunity when she or he sees it, especially if it's one you've been planning for. Take aim and go for it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's unique insight guides you as you check out a questionable situation. Your efforts should prove rewarding for you and your many supporters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to pace yourself a bit more. Rushing could lead to serious slip-ups. Take more time to check out details you might otherwise overlook.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The best way to resolve those remaining problems is to ask others for help. They'll be happy to do so, especially when you agree to share the credit for a job well done.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your natural gift for honest leadership earns you the respect and admiration of others.

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- Most African children grow up without books, while U.S. bookshelves and landfills overflow with books no longer read.
- Africa has the highest percentage of illiteracy in the world.
- Books are the key to increasing literacy, and literacy is the #1 tool out of poverty.

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Evaluation=Opportunity

Tabor is engaging in preliminary planning this spring for a year of self-study in preparation for their 10-year Accreditation through the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) in the fall of 2019. NEASC works with schools and colleges across New England, including private, technical, parochial, and public schools from pre-K to the doctoral level.

According to their website, NEASC has been around since 1885 working to establish and maintain high standards for schools and colleges. Through their process of self-evaluation and an accreditation visit by peers, their mission is to stimulate constant improvement in education. Divided into four commissions to fine-tune their approach to different types of schools, NEASC uses 15 research-driven standards to test how well a school does what it says it is doing through its mission, programs, governance, and administrative structure and policies.

The first step in this process is a time of self-study where Tabor's faculty and staff will all be involved in assessing exactly what they do and how and why they do it. "This is an enormous opportunity for reflection and growth, as we will no doubt uncover areas for improvement and opportunities to be more streamlined in our processes. This collation of the status quo, as well as ideas and plans for future improvement is a huge undertaking that will require lots of communication between groups of diverse teams so that we get the clearest view of our current work and the widest input on our future potential," said Director of Communication Kerry Saltonstall. This stage includes surveying students, parents, and alumni to gather data and information

directly from the extended community. The self-study takes about 9-12 months to complete.

After submitting the self-study document, the school will prepare for a fall 2019 visit from an assigned NEASC Visiting Team. These teams are created by NEASC and made up of volunteer professionals from peer schools that bring expertise from many different schools into our process. The teams are populated with experienced teachers and administrators from schools with similar missions. Their job is to read the self-study and then come to campus to see the school in action, asking questions to ensure that the actions reflected in the study are actually happening at the school. The team will then judge whether Tabor is meeting the 15 standards NEASC sets out for accreditation. The team will also make commendations and recommendations to the school.

Tabor's faculty has been the most active in New England to volunteer as Visiting Team members, with over 20 faculty members serving in the last four years. "Our participation as volunteers on Visiting Teams has been fantastic preparation for this process, as well as wonderful professional development for faculty who regularly bring back great ideas from other schools in the process," said Saltonstall.

The faculty officially began work on this project on March 20, taking a day just before the beginning of Trimester 3 to get a jump on the Student Program Section, one of the largest parts of the report.

Frank Townsend, the faculty coordinator of this extensive process was encouraged, "The work was engaging and sparked terrific conversation and enthusiasm for the task ahead. I am confident that the full, extended Tabor community will likewise engage wholeheartedly in this process to squeeze out every potential benefit for our great school."

South Coast Chamber Music Series

On April 14 & 15, the NBSO's South Coast Chamber Music Series finishes off its 2017-2018 season with "April Smolders," a capricious array of fantasy, virtuosity, the familiar, and the unknown. Artistic Director and pianist Janet Janice Weber is joined by



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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1114</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of LAURIE & DAVID JEWETT for property located at 15 Briarwood Lane, identified on Assessor's Map 26, Lot 18C, who are seeking a variance under Section VIII.B.1 to allow the edge of a deck closer than 40 feet from the side lot line. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room at 1 Constitution Way. Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 3/29, 4/5</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1115</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of ROBERT T. & CYNTHIA C. LORANGER for property located at 81 Burgess Avenue, identified on Assessor's Map 27, Lot 17A, who are seeking a Special Permit under Section VIII.D.9.a. to allow the conversion of a single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling. The public hearing will be held on April 12, 2018 at 7:45 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall at 1 Constitution Way. Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 3/29, 4/5</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Old Hammondtown School located at 20 Shaw Street, Mattapoisett, MA concerning the Application For Approval of a Definitive Plan submitted by DENNIS ARSENAULT for a proposed subdivision of land into two lots located at Snow Fields Road and shown on Assessors Map 28, Lot 26. Complete plans are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during normal business hours of the Clerk's office. Plans may also be viewed at the office of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc., 1 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA. We recommend calling in advance to view the plans at (508) 758-7866 ext. 203. 3/29, 4/5</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #748</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of PETER DOUGLAS, seeking relief from a denial dated February 2, 2018 of Zoning Enforcement Request dated January 25, 2018 for violation of Marion's Zoning Bylaws.</p> <p>The property in question is located at 324 Front Street, and is further identified on Assessors' Plan 13 as Lot 24. Marc Leblanc, Chairman 3/29, 4/5</p> <hr/>	<p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #749</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:40 pm on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of ANDREW SIDFORD ARCHITECTS for a special permit to allow an unfinished basement under an approved alteration to an existing non-conforming dwelling.</p> <p>The property, located at 13 West Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 39. Marc Leblanc, Chairman 3/29, 4/5</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by TIMOTHY P. EILERTSEN.</p> <p>The applicant proposes to perform land clearing activities including filling and grading within the 100 foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.</p> <p>The property is located on Brandt Island Road and is further identified as Lot #119P on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #11. 4/5</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the following applications:</p> <p>Application of 6R NORTH STREET NOMINEE REALTY TRUST, 16 Gate 6 1/2 Road, Sausalito, CA 94965, RE: 6R North Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3, as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws, to construct a one-story bedroom and bathroom addition. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:15 pm. Case #1407</p> <p>Application of CARLTON VEEDER CONSTRUCTION, LLC, 260 High Street, Rochester, MA 02770, RE: 34 River Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3, as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws, to construct a small addition that fails to meet the required setbacks. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Case #1408</p> <p>Application of EARL R. & DIANE A. GARDE TRUST, 86 Aucoot Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, RE: 86 Aucoot Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 5.1.5.4.3, as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws, to allow a proposed 700 square foot family-related apartment located within the footprint of the existing house and garage. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:45 pm. Case #1409</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely,</p>	<p>Susan Akin, Chairperson Mary Anne Brogan, Norman Lonnais, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler 4/5, 4/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by DIANE ZARTMAN, 116 Acushnet Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to upgrade a failed, non-conforming sewage disposal system. This work occurs within the 100 foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland and within the 200 foot river-front area to Mattapoisett River. Pursuant to 310 CMR 10.56(6)(c), the upgrade of a failed sewage disposal system is exempt from the requirements for the Riverfront Area. The project is located at 116 Acushnet Road and is further identified as Lot 45 on Assessor Map 18. 4/5</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by THOMAS P. JACKIVICZ, III & PAMELA D. PIERCE.</p> <p>The applicants propose to remove and replace a pervious patio and to fill and grade to correct a drainage issue.</p> <p>The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100 foot Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank.</p> <p>The property is located on Third Street and is further identified as Lot #156 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #2. 4/5</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination (File No. 41D-1673) submitted by THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION to construct a five foot wide sidewalk on the east-bound lane (south side) of Wareham Street (Route 6) beginning just east of the intersection of Mill Street and Wareham Street and continuing on Mill Street (Route 6) westerly to the intersection of Mill Street and Main Street. The work includes resetting of vertical granite curbing, installation of additional granite curbing where necessary, underlayment of a gravel sub-base, placement of bituminous concrete for sidewalk surface, and installation of wheelchair ramps. The hearing was originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 14; however, due to a town-wide loss of power as well as no heat, the hearing was cancelled.</p> <p>Plans are available at the Town House for review. Cynthia Callow, Chairman 4/5</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 54</i></p>

violinists Piotr Buczek and Nina Bishop Nunn, violist Don Krishnaswami, and cellist Timothy Roberts for performances in Marion and South Dartmouth.

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There will be two performances: Saturday, April 14, 4:00 pm, St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion; and Sunday, April 15, 4:00 pm, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth.

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April Book Sale at Mattapoisett Public Library

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by JAMES FEENEY, 19 Angelica Avenue, Mattapoisett. The proposed project is to replace sub soil in back & side yard (Oliver St. side) with suitable (approved) gravel for better drainage. Excavate, remove and replace with new. The project is located at 19 Angelica Avenue and is further identified as Lot 53 on Assessor Map 5A. 4/5

TOWN OF MARION TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The following BY-LAW CHANGE which was accepted at the Marion Special Town Meeting which convened on February 15, 2018 has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General, and is published herewith in accordance with the current regulations. Claims of invalidity of the amendment to the by-law by reason of any defect in the procedure of the adoption or replacement may only be made within ninety days of the second publication (April 12, 2018) or July 11, 2018.

A copy of the by-law may be examined at the Town Clerk's Office, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts.

Article 1. To amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 230-8.13 TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ADULT USE MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add a Section "Temporary Moratorium on Adult Use Marijuana Establishments:" Attorney General, Maura Healy Assistant Attorney General, Margaret J. Hurley 4/5, 4/12

TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room regarding a request for an Amended Order of Conditions (DEP File # SE272-0545) made by the MARION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, 50 Benson Brook

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Road, Marion, MA 02738 for property located off Mary's Pond Road, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 30 on Assessor's Map 30. The original Order of Conditions allowed for rehabilitation of the existing Mary's Pond Wellfield including upgrades to the existing pump station, installation of three gravel-packed wells, required observation wells, associated water main and appurtenances to replace the existing tubular wellfield. The Marion Department of Public works requests an Amended Order of Conditions allowing for after-the-fact approval of placement of Well MP-1 four feet west of the original design location. The applicant also requests approval of temporary disturbance of 150 square feet of vegetated wetland in order to gain access to Well MP-2. The revised access path does not require tree cutting; wetland mats will be used for ground stability.

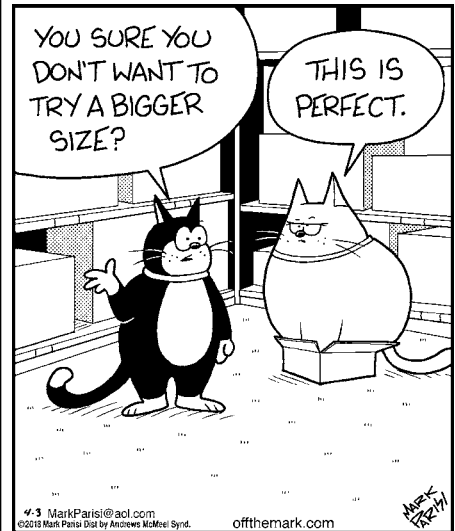
The property owner of record is the Town of Marion, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. The applicant's representative is Jon Gregory, Tata & Howard Inc., 67 Forest Street, Marlborough, MA 01752. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Michael Conway, Chairman 4/5

TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Notice of Intent filed by ROBERT & NANCY BARBOZA, 392 North Avenue, Rochester, MA 02770 for property located at Alley Road, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 21 on Assessor's Map 15. The applicant proposes construction of a single family dwelling, well, portion of the driveway and associated grading within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Erosion control measures will be implemented.

The property owner of record is Robert Barboza, 392 North Avenue, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant's representative is Brian Grady, G.A.F. Engineering, Inc., 266 Main Street, Wareham, MA 02571. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Michael Conway, Chairman 4/5

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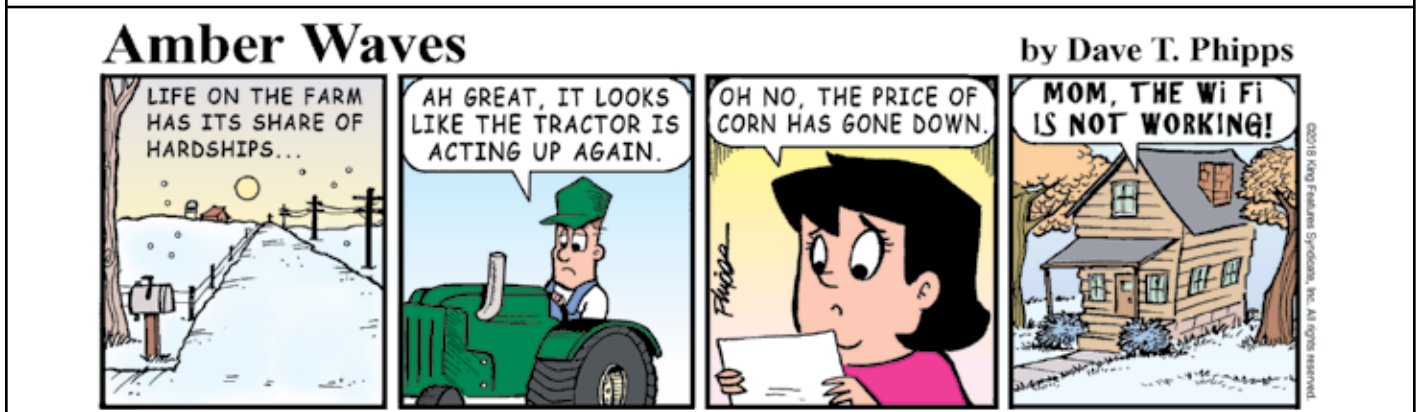
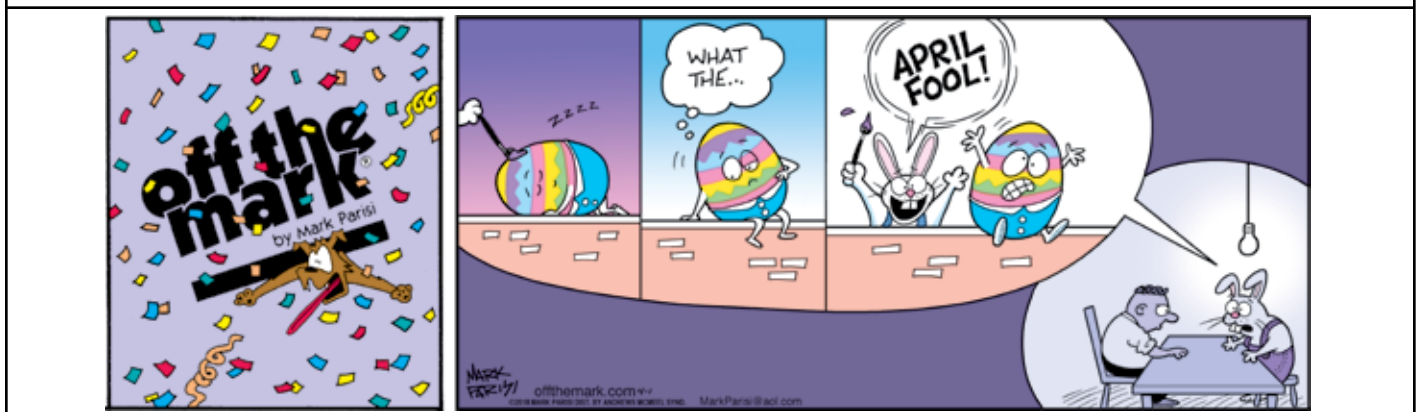
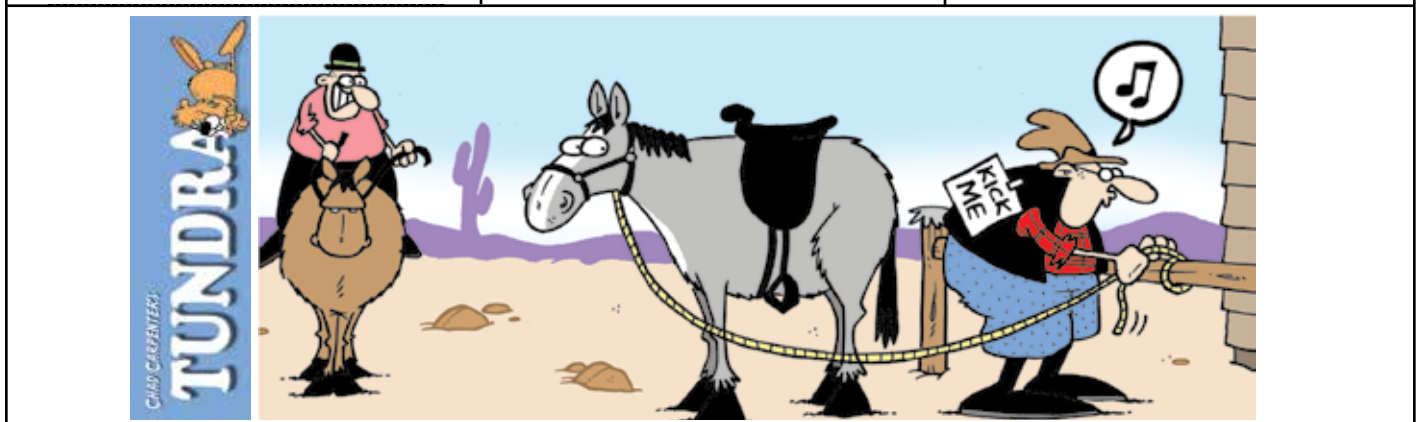


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Sippican School Teacher to Run Boston Marathon

Nicole Boussy from Sippican School will be lacing up her sneakers on April 16 in Boston for the run of her life.

Boussy will join 44 other runners from 4 countries and 21 different American states in the 122nd Boston Marathon for charity team 261 Fearless, a global running organization for women. 261 Fearless.org is a relatively new nonprofit organization benefitting women's running initiatives from legendary marathoner, Kathrine Switzer.



In 1967, Switzer became the first registered women to compete in the Boston Marathon. At that time, the race was considered a male-only event, but, using her initials, Switzer managed to obtain an official bib, No. 261. Mid-stride in the competition, an angry race director leapt from the press truck and attempted to pull Switzer from the race without success. Switzer got

to the finish and changed running forever. The photo of the incident became one of Time-Life's "100 Photos That Changed the World."

"Switzer not only broke the glass starting line," says Boussy, "But she continued to champion the cause of women's running for the next fifty years. 261 Fearless – a global women's running network – is the result. This nonprofit organization uses running to empower women nationally and internationally. That's why I'm running for 261 Fearless."

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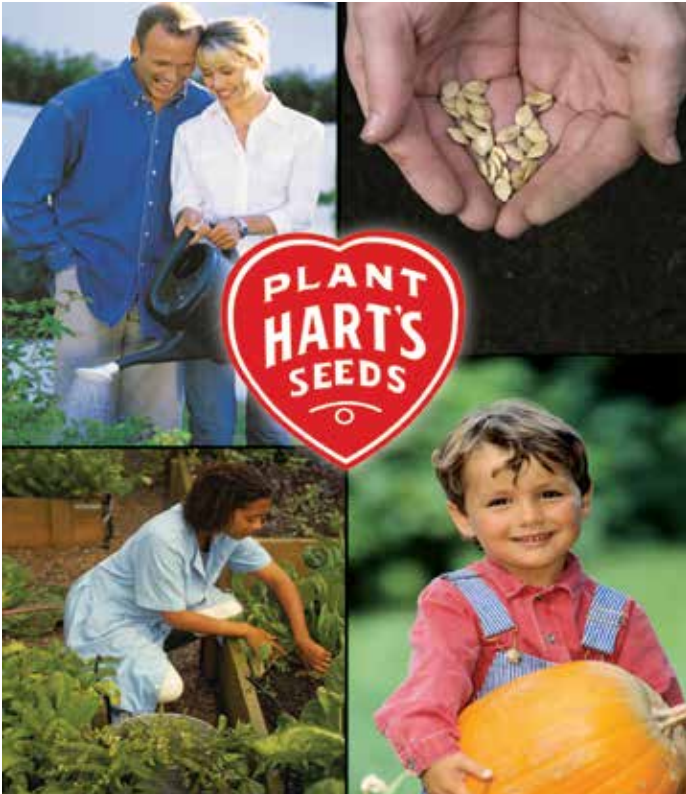
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"It is a joy to support women like Nicole in the 122nd Boston Marathon," said Switzer. "What was a dramatic incident fifty years ago became instead a defining moment for me and women runners like Nicole. The result is nothing less than a social revolution; there are now more women runners in the United States than men, and these women are both fearless and compassionate, wanting to help other women around the world achieve their goals. Because of women like Nicole, 261 Fearless will be able to spread our message globally."

"I know I have hard work ahead of me," confesses Boussy, who runs before commuting from the South Shore to Marion and during her lunch break. She says she's also trying to raise \$7,500 for 261 Fearless. "With the money we raise, 261 Fearless is able to help establish social running Clubs and create coaches' education and communication programs, in our community, communities all over the United States and beyond," enthused Boussy. "We aim to bring women together globally and help them discover with joy the healthy benefit of being active. This is a wonderful way to continue to give back and support other women long after the Boston Marathon. Every woman out there deserves a chance to experience the wellbeing factors of running."

Despite an inauspicious beginning, the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) early on realized the seriousness of women's desire to participate and the potential of their endurance. In 1972, five years after the 'Switzer Incident,' the BAA welcomed women as official competitors, becoming the first major marathon to do so. This year, the Boston Athletic Association has continued its commitment to women's running by inviting the 261 Fearless team to participate in the 122nd running of the Boston Marathon on April 16, 2018.

To donate on Nicole Boussy's behalf, visit www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/261fearlessboston2018/nicoleboussy.

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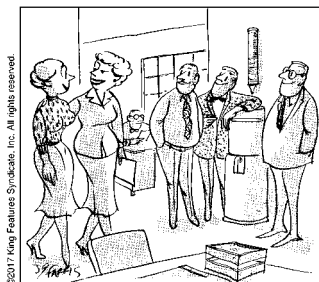
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Sunday Strolls are a monthly series of free mid-morning walks led by a Buzzards Bay Coalition environmental educator and health professionals from Southcoast Health. The next Sunday Stroll will take place on May 6 at the New Boston Trail in Fairhaven.

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Join the SouthCoast EcoChallenge Team. The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee invites its Tri-Town (Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester) friends and neighbors, young and old, near and far to join Team Southcoast for the Project Drawdown EcoChallenge – a fun and social way to learn about and take action on any of 100 scientifically researched climate solutions.

From April 4-25, individuals and teams from around the world will take part in simple daily activities to reduce their carbon footprints and delve into the world's most substantive solutions to global warming. At the end of the Challenge, the teams with the most points will win great prizes, including copies of the book *Drawdown* and a one-hour video session with Paul Hawken, the Executive Director of Project Drawdown.

"It's a great project," said Anne O'Brien, Team Fairhaven Captain. "The website is full of wonderful and



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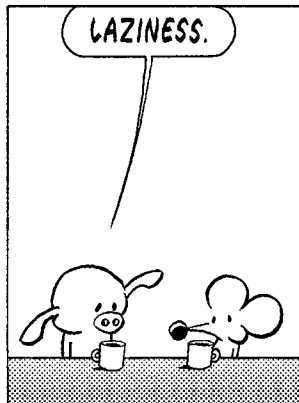
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According to Paul Hawken, "All of life is comprised of self-organizing systems and the Drawdown EcoChallenge is exactly that – people coming together to share, learn, support, imagine, and innovate for a better world. We are honored to be a part of this significant and brilliant initiative."

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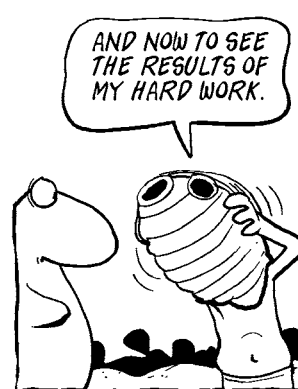
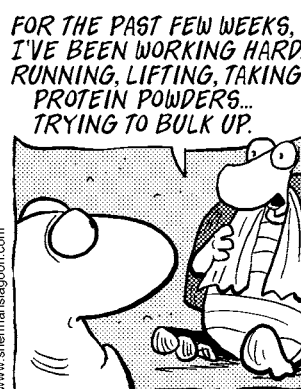
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Marion Art Center Brings ArtWeek to Town

Sit in on an authentic New-Orleans-style jam session, learn how to take better photos with your smartphone, create your own hand-dyed silk scarf, polish your acting skills, go on a musical journey with a trio of creative musicians, or see an original play about Marion's Golden Age: that's ArtWeek at the Marion Art Center (MAC), **April 27 through May 6**. ArtWeek is an award-winning, innovative 10-day festival featuring unique and creative experiences that are hands-on, interactive, or offer behind-the-scenes access to arts, culture, and the creative process. Now an annual statewide celebration of the arts, ArtWeek was born in Boston in 2013 and recently expanded its footprint across the Commonwealth.

The MAC community is thrilled to bring ArtWeek to Marion, sponsoring 18 fun and exciting events focused on music, theater, visual arts and crafts, and arts experiences for children and families. Many of the performers, artists, and workshop instructors are from Marion, and nearly all are from the SouthCoast, showcasing the creative richness of our region. "Marion is on FIRE. So exciting and creative – a true ArtWeek



inspiration on all fronts from programming, community engagement, and marketing," says Sue Dahling Sullivan, Chief Strategic Officer for ArtWeek at the Boch Center, ArtWeek's producer.

The spark for the ArtWeek fire in Marion is Anthi Frangiadis, Marion architect, artist, and shop owner, who had hosted ArtWeek events in the past and put together a group in Marion to talk about expanding ArtWeek in the Tri-Town area. MAC board member Jennifer Wolfe Webb attended that meeting and saw ArtWeek as a great opportunity for the MAC to shine. Webb's MAC committee, with the help of generous donors, has created a rich program of events as "a gift to Marion," in Webb's words. In keeping with the ArtWeek mission, all the events are offered at low cost to the public, and half are free.

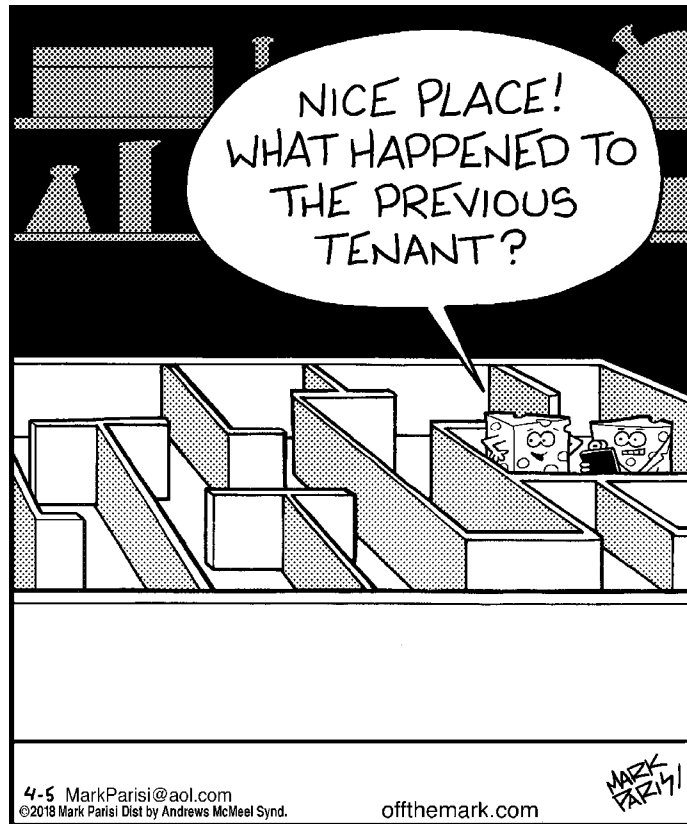
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There will be a rabies clinic on Sunday, **April 8** from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Grange Hall, Hartley Road, Rochester. The cost is \$12 per shot. All animals must be properly restrained. All dogs must be leashed, all cats in carriers. Licensing will be available for Rochester residents: \$10 for intact male or unsprayed female; \$7 for spayed or neutered.

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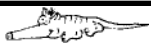
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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	April 5	12:04	12:28	5:34	5:31
Friday	April 6	12:51	1:17	6:18	6:17
Saturday	April 7	1:39	2:06	7:13	7:13
Sunday	April 8	2:28	2:56	8:29	8:26
Monday	April 9	3:21	3:51	9:52	9:49
Tuesday	April 10	4:21	4:50	10:49	10:56
Wednesday	April 11	5:19	5:44	11:32	11:47
Thursday	April 12	6:08	6:29	...	12:09
Friday	April 13	6:51	7:10	12:30	12:44
Saturday	April 14	7:31	7:50	1:12	1:19
Sunday	April 15	8:12	8:31	1:54	1:55
Monday	April 16	8:55	9:14	2:36	2:33
Tuesday	April 17	9:40	9:59	3:19	3:13
Wednesday	April 18	10:28	10:47	4:01	3:55
Thursday	April 19	11:20	11:40	4:44	4:39
Friday	April 20	...	12:15	5:31	5:27
Saturday	April 21	12:37	1:14	6:26	6:22
Sunday	April 22	1:37	2:13	7:52	7:31

Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter April 8th New Moon April 15th First Quarter April 22nd Full Moon April 29th
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I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the March 29, 2018 issue the Aardvark was on page 21!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

- Right;
- Design;
- Bizarre;
- Clear

Today's Word
HAZARDS

Sudoku Answer

7	3	9	4	5	6	8	1	2
8	4	2	9	7	1	3	5	6
1	6	5	2	8	3	7	4	9
4	7	1	3	6	5	2	9	8
3	2	6	8	9	4	1	7	5
5	9	8	1	2	7	6	3	4
6	5	4	7	3	8	9	2	1
9	8	3	5	1	2	4	6	7
2	1	7	6	4	9	5	8	3

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